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## Ferocious Leopard Escapes From Zoo

### HUNT FOR MAN-EATER

Oklahoma City, Feb. 26.—A safari of 21 Marines equipped with high powered rifles and walkie talkies and radios stalked its way through the suburbs of Oklahoma City today in search of a jungle-bred leopard.

Aided by several employees of the Lincoln Park Zoo from whence the leopard fled captivity on Saturday, the Marines were poking cautiously through wooded areas in the vicinity of the zoo three miles out of town.

In the immediate area and in the northeastern section of Oklahoma City there were people on the streets. House lights in the section burned throughout the night and the residents slept uneasily.

The Zoo keeper said the leopard was a killer but there was no lack of volunteers who wanted to take off on their first big game hunt. But only Marines and experienced Zoo attendants were permitted to join the formal search.

Frazier, the Zoo keeper described the India-bred leopard as 150 pounds of "greased lightning." The beast had been confined in a 20-foot deep pit in the Zoo. For a week he had been springing for the top trying to escape. On Saturday he completed a seemingly impossible jump to freedom.

Hunters were working against time because every passing hour increases the danger that the leopard might strike. The first hunt was last night more than 24 hours ago.

Frazier said it should be so hungry soon that it will certainly seek prey. Also the hunters were anxious to find the leopard before dark when the night prowler would have increased advantage over its seekers.

The weather was clear and sunny as the reserve Marines moved slowly through the woods on orders from walkie talkies. They picked up tracks believed to have been made by the vicious feline and followed them two miles from a point where they were discovered more than a mile north of the Zoo.—United Press.

## Hooded Woman's Body Found In Lake

Alexander City, Alabama, Feb. 26.—A nude and hooded body of an elderly woman fished from Lake Martin confronted the police today with a sinister murder plot that they feared to have claimed more than one victim.

"There may be another body in there," said deputy sheriff J. L. Ingram. He explained that the bloodstains found on the highway bridge railing near the body's location did not match the woman's blood in tentative tests. The woman had been shot three times with a .38 calibre weapon. Any of the shots was enough to kill her. She also had been clubbed on the head. There was no immediate clue as to who she was. She wore only stockings and shoes. Ingram estimated that she was 65 to 70 years old.

The woman had been in water about two days, a state toxicologist estimated. A gag apparently made from a scrap of her dress had been thrust into her mouth. The hood made from an undergarment had been pulled over her face and knotted about her throat.—United Press.

## Indonesian Govt. Expected To Seek Westerling's Extradition

Djakarta, Feb. 26.—The Indonesian Government is expected to make a formal demand to the British Embassy tomorrow for the extradition of Captain "Turco" Westerling, leader of the rebel "Army of the Heavenly Host." He was arrested early today in Singapore.

An official communique said that the Government had contacted the British Embassy about Westerling's extradition for "crimes perpetrated by him in Indonesia."

Diplomatic circles here today pointed out that Britain had no extradition treaty with Indonesia. They said that it was not certain whether the Indonesian Government could demand the extradition of a Dutch subject held by a foreign power.

The Dutch authorities maintained silence concerning reports that Westerling's escape to Singapore was engineered by Dutch Army officers. It was not known whether Westerling's wife had also escaped.

Westerling was arrested by a Special Branch police officer at the home of a Chinese in the centre of Singapore. He faces charges of entering the colony without proper papers.

The Captain confirmed his wife's story last week that he had gone to Malaya in search of funds. He is being held in a detention camp on St John's Island, off Singapore.

### HIRED TAXI

Westerling flew out of Indonesia in a Dutch Navy Catalina flying boat and landed at night off the Malayan coast, according to his friends in Singapore.

They said he hired a taxi at Pontian, in South Johore, and rode nonchalantly into Singapore. He told his friends that his flight was not officially authorized but had been arranged by the pilot, who was a member of his rebel movement.

Westerling said that he was stopped four times by the police on his way to Singapore, but they let him pass when he produced his fake passport.

According to his friends, whom he contacted here after his arrival last Thursday, Westerling made no secret of the fact that he had come to Singapore to seek material aid and moral support for his rebel organization.

He told one of them that his movement was powerful and a guerrilla element, but would not be effective enough to overthrow the Indonesian Government until it had "real backing from outside."

### ANXIOUS ABOUT WIFE

Westerling had expressed anxiety for his wife and three children who, he said, were in hiding in Indonesia. He was afraid that they might be held as hostages by the Indonesian authorities.

Some quarters in Singapore predicted a diplomatic tangle would develop over Westerling's future. It was understood that he could claim Dutch nationality, but one high diplomatic source said that it was unlikely the Netherlands Government would "quarrel with the Indonesian Government over Westerling." It is the new Republic was genuine in its extradition request and could prove the charges against him.—Reuter.

## Two Tigers In NT

Two tigers, one believed to be very large, have made their appearance at New Territories during the past few days.

On Saturday, several villagers, after they had kept observation in the area, reported to the Police and yesterday a search party, headed by Chief Insp. G. Youe, set out armed with three rifles and a Winchester.

On the brink of a cliff on the hillside, with a stream running nearby, the Police party found the mangled and half-eaten carcass of a cow. Not very far distant away, another good carcass of a cow was discovered as well as that of a calf.

In the course of scouring the hillside the search party came across a cave but the tigers were not there. The search is continuing.

## Left-Wingers May Give

### Trouble To Attlee

### VITAL PARTY MEETING

London, Feb. 26.—As the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, planned his new Cabinet today, observers predicted that the fate of his Government may hang on the reactions to the Election deadlock at the Parliamentary Labour Party meeting on Wednesday.

The left wing, headed by the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, is likely to insist that there must be no compromise on the party programme for the sake of maintaining shaky office.

Mr. Bevan, who pressed consistently for the nationalization of steel, is said to have threatened to resign if Labour went back on its 1945 pledge to transfer this industry to public ownership.

Mr. Winston Churchill and his Conservative "Shadow Cabinet" who will meet on Tuesday, have it in their power to bring down the Labour Administration within a short time and some Socialist leaders will not care if they do.

They foresee great permanent damage to Labour's cause if the Government, lacking an effective Parliamentary majority, prolongs its existence, unable to give the country the strong direction required for recovery.

But if Labour wanted to temper the Liberals, whom both the Conservatives and the Socialists blame for the Election stalemate, may be useful to the Government in a balance of power position.

### CABINET SPECULATIONS

The Liberals do not want another Election—it would probably mean their extermination as the public might regard it as a waste of time and vote Liberal again and plump instead for the Tories or for Labour.

Backed by the Liberals, the Government party may have a majority of between 20 and 30 in Parliamentary divisions. But Labour is not expected to court this support to the extent of capitalizing on nationalization or other aspects of policy on which the Liberals might demand pledges in return for their help.

The probable personalities in the new Cabinet was a topic of lively discussions in political quarters today. It is assumed that the Cabinet hierarchy will remain unchanged.

Mr. Herbert Morrison is likely to remain leader of the House of Commons and Mr. Ernest Bevin, unless he has other ideas, will continue as Foreign Minister.

The pressure of economic events point to Sir Stafford Cripps remaining at the Treasury. The transfer of the Food Ministry, Mr. John Strachey, to another job would not surprise observers as his Department has been under heavy public fire.

A new Defence Minister is also not improbable. Lord Alexander, the often-criticized holder of the office, was recently given a Peering and the Government reshuffle may see him "switched." The War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, has been mentioned as a "possible" for this job.—Reuter.

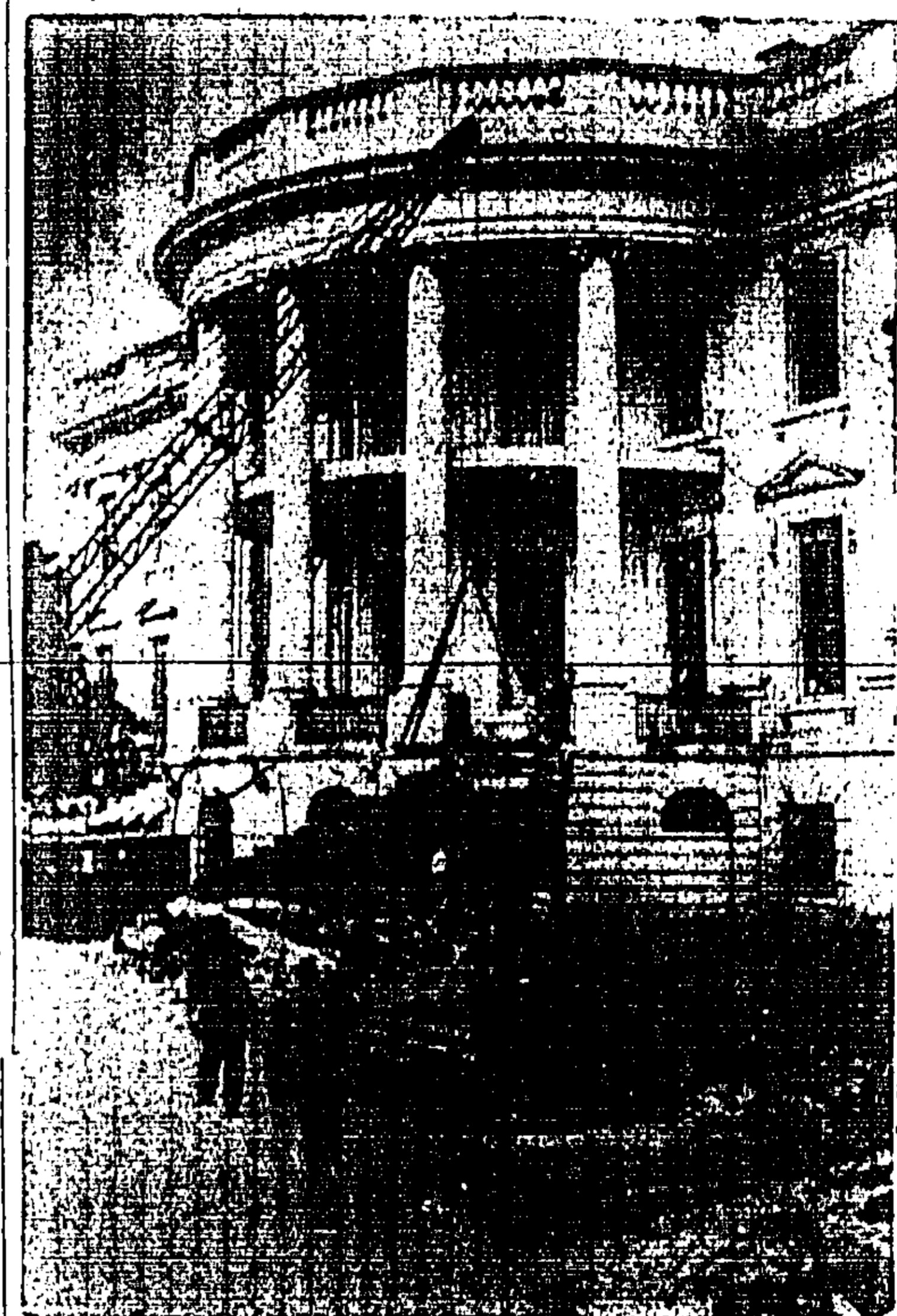
### WELCOMES DECISION

Bombay, Feb. 26.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee's, decision to carry on in office is welcomed by Mr. Herbert Bullock, Chairman of the British Trades Union Congress, said here today.

"We were rather sorry at not having a working majority, though we had anticipated a number of people in Britain would be upset by the postwar austerity programme," he said. "Nevertheless, Labour has given everybody a square deal."

As regards the chances of another General Election, immediately Mr. Bullock said "it is the Tories force another Election if they will be so much the worse for them, especially after the election has had a chance to think twice."—Reuter.

## New Look For White House



The White House is getting a new look—and No. 1 America as it is known in the United States is having a two year overhaul. The building is 160 years old and while reconstruction of the south portico is going on—see picture—President Truman and his family are living in Blair House, across Pennsylvania Avenue.—London Express Service.

## Coup d'Etat In Bulgaria Fails

Berlin, Feb. 26.—An unsuccessful coup d'etat in Bulgaria, resulting in the arrest of General Kinov, the Army Chief of Staff, and many Army officers, was reported today from Sofia by Die Welt Am Sonntag, the official British newspaper in Germany.

According to the report, General Kinov, with the support of the Army, had planned to seize power shortly after the death of the Prime Minister, Mr. George Dimitrov.

General Baradjanov, the chief Bulgarian Political Commissar, General Toshev, head of the Sofia Garrison, and the Minister of Transport, Mr. Markov, were to have been General Kinov's immediate associates. They were also reported to have been arrested.

Shortly before the death of M. Dimitrov, which occurred in Moscow last July, General Kinov was called to the Soviet Union, where he issued a statement that he was at M. Dimitrov's bedside. But on his return to Sofia he was reported to have said that he signed a prepared statement, without having seen M. Dimitrov.

According to the report, General Kinov then called a number of senior officers of the Bulgarian Army together, told them of his belief that M. Dimitrov had been murdered and asked them to join him in a plot to overthrow the Communist Government.

Detailed plans were worked out but the news of the alleged coup reached the Bulgarian Secret Police, the newspaper said. It is expected in Sofia that the Soviet commander, Marshal Koniev, would be sent from Moscow to take command of the Bulgarian Army, the report added. —Reuter.

### P.I. DISASTER

## 11 Known To Be Killed

Damago Amounts To 5,000,000 Posos

Manila, Feb. 27.—Eleven persons were killed and more than 100 injured in a fire and explosions which destroyed a large section of Batangas City on Saturday night and the Batangas provincial authorities estimated overall damage at 5,000,000 pesos.

At least 30 people were seriously injured. Among the dead—mostly Constabulary men—was the commanding officer of the 100th Company, Captain Numeriano Ani. Injured, but not seriously, was Mrs. Feliciano Loviate, wife of the provincial governor of Batangas, whose house was destroyed. Francisco Medrano, "general" of the Batangas rebels, who is now back in government service was reported to have been wounded in the right hand; his house was demolished.

The Constabulary and civilian authorities are investigating the cause of the fire, which started in Constabulary headquarters, all of whose buildings were completely demolished by the fire and by exploding bombs and ammunition.

### RECORDS DESTROYED

About 80 houses in Batangas were totally or partially destroyed and officials expressed fears that the death toll might be higher when all the debris was cleared. Batangas provincial Capitol, which is near the Constabulary barracks, was badly damaged and many official records were destroyed. The Red Cross and other relief agencies have started succoring victims of the tragedy.

Preliminary investigation showed that the fire started at or near the guardhouse of the Constabulary compound, spread rapidly and reached a store of bombs and artillery. Causing a series of terrific blasts which destroyed glass windows more than a mile away. One great explosion tore a crater 30 feet wide and 10 metres deep. About 600 drums of gasoline stored in the Constabulary compound also caught fire.

Governor Loviate, who escaped unhurt although his house was demolished, said he was in his library reading "Peace on Earth."—United Press.

### Asmara Rioting

Asmara, Feb. 26.—Looting, fire and bomb throwing continue in the native sectors of Asmara during the curfew-free hours.

A hand grenade thrown at the fire brigade did not explode last night. The Brigade has been threatened by hoodlums. So far the police have found 90 unexploded hand grenades since the beginning of the incidents last Tuesday.

The United Nations Commission is continuing hearings of the evidence of different Eritrean political parties.—Associated Press.

## Death Of Sir Harry Lauder

London, Feb. 26.—Sir Harry Lauder, the famous Scottish comedian, died tonight. Sir Harry, who was 79, had been ill since August.

The little, dynamic comedian with the stout heart, rose from a nine shilling a week job in the pits to become Britain's highest paid music hall entertainer.

For a long time was on the brink of death, but about three months ago he rallied for a time. He spent his last Christmas in the bedside company of his niece, Greta, and his old friend, Dr. John Stewart. Sir Harry was Dr. Stewart's last patient. The doctor came out of retirement to care for his friend and went to live with him.—Reuter.



SIR HARRY LAUDER

"GRAND OLD MINSTREL"  
During the Battle of Britain, Winston Churchill, that master of rhetoric, was whipping up the national spirit. He said he

The nation knew the minstrel and composer of that song. He was a stocky little Scot, famed throughout the world for his lilted bow legs, lambs, crooked blackthorn walking stick and an infectious chuckle which always preceded his rich baritone singing in broad Scots' dialect.—Sir Harry Lauder.

Harry Lauder, who started life in a flax mill, became the highest salaried music hall artist in the world. He was born at Portobello near Edinburgh on Aug. 4, 1870, and started work in the flax mills as a child.

Later he became a coal miner. He made his first public appearance when he was only 12 years old when, in miners' parlour, he sang, "I'm Gentleman Gull." An "unexploded" London agent gave Lauder his first real chance at Gull's Restaurant in London in 1890. Lauder was then 20 years of age and he became an immediate success! (Continued on Page 5, Col. 6)

### EDITORIAL

## Europe And American Aid

IN what may be regarded as a reply to American criticism, the European Marshall Plan Council has issued a new report which gratefully lists the achievements of that plan but appeals to the United States to co-operate with Europe not only in continued dollar aid but also in establishing a new trade pattern which will permit Europe to stand on its own feet in a new world. The report points out that, thanks to Marshall Plan aid, Western Europe has reached, and in many instances surpassed, pre-war levels in both production and foreign trade. But it also notes that, despite this achievement, which has cut Europe's previous dollar deficit in half, the deficit is still around four billion dollars and will continue to run above two billion dollars after the Marshall Plan ends. This deficit does not arise because Europe fails to work enough or lives too high, since living standards are still 10 percent below pre-war. The report admits that the search for a new social equilibrium, as expressed in the full-employment programmes, hampers drastic readjustments; but it puts the main responsibility on other factors, including the loss of overseas investments, the curtailment of trade with Eastern Europe to 40 percent of pre-war (paralleled by similar trade strangulation in all territories falling under Soviet domination), and the loss of dollar earnings by Western Europe's overseas possessions. But the most important factor, in its view, is the unbalanced American balance of payments, caused by the doubling of American exports as compared with pre-war, with a corresponding

increase in Europe's dollar imports. This, says the report, has completely upset the old trade pattern, and a new pattern must be found to enable Europe to live. To achieve this new pattern, Western Europe pledges itself to continue efforts toward European economic integration and the wider European market urged by American authorities. But this, says the report, will not by itself solve Europe's problem. Rather, it declares, the "most urgent single task" confronting Western Europe is to cut its dollar imports by shifting purchases to non-dollar areas and to expand its exports both to the United States and to all areas in competition with American producers. It therefore urges that both European governments and European producers take all necessary measures to achieve this end. But it appeals implicitly for American understanding and toleration of this effort, and explicitly for American co-operation in reducing American trade barriers now hampering European exports, such as high tariff rates, red tape in tariff administration, licensing and quarantine restrictions, shipping subsidies and limitations on the use of natural rubber. In short, what Europe urges as the ultimate alternative to dollar aid is a new distribution of world trade, through which Europe can recapture and expand its necessary markets. This may impinge on American interests, but need not do so harmfully if world trade can be expanded sufficiently to enable both Europe and America to live. The report does not, perhaps, tell the whole story, but it is difficult to see any other alternative.

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# NOMANSENSE

## Imagination & Dash



By ALICE ALDEN

FEATHER trimming, handled with imagination and dash, yet with restraint, is always beautiful. Even when it isn't a big feather season, the important milliners usually include one or more such hats in their collection. Robert Dudley did a handsome hat, which is well suited to either dressy or more tailored wear. Fuchsia coloured felt is used for this close-fitting model, hand-draped and manipulated from side to side. A long feather wing spray accents the right side.

## Itching May Go Without Rash

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

WE usually associate itching with a rash, but there are many instances of generalized itching in which the skin itself appears to be perfectly normal. In some cases, this itching comes and goes and is not a matter for any great concern. When it becomes so severe and persistent that mild scratching or rubbing does not relieve it, the condition is abnormal and requires investigation. In these cases, itching is frequently due to a diseased condition affecting the whole body. It will continue until the cause is found and relieved.

A whole series of serious ailments is associated with this type of itching. One of these is Hodgkin's disease, in which there may be enlargement of the spleen. Another is leukemia, a condition in which the white cells of the blood are greatly increased. The itching may be due to diabetes or it may even indicate the presence of cancer. Itching is also a common symptom of chronic kidney infection.

### Tape Worm

Generalized itching may also be produced by the presence of such parasites in the body as the tape worm or round worm. It may often occur in constipation, in bowel inflammation, and in ulcer of the stomach or bowel. Diseases affecting the liver or gall-bladder are common causes of generalized itching. Hence, when this symptom is present, it is advisable to have an examination made to determine whether or not there is a jaundiced condition in which bile pigments collect in the blood and tissues.

### Without Rash

Persons who are sensitive to certain dusts, pollens from plants, or drugs and foods, may have itching of the skin without any rash.

Drugs which may cause itching are morphine, cocaine, quinine, or sedative or quinine drugs, such as the barbiturates.

Infections in the teeth, tonsils, gall-bladder, or appendix, as well as in the prostate gland, have also been reported as a cause of the generalized condition. Perhaps the most common cause is some type of nervousness.

In view of the large number of causes of generalized itching, it should not be neglected. A thorough study should be made at once to determine its source.

## PORTRAIT ROMANCE



A few months ago 21-year-old Delaire Elizabeth Hone, daughter of Sir Ralph Hone, Governor of North Borneo, met Major Robert Telford, a London portrait painter, who had her picture painted. Now they are to be married.

## FUTURE WITHOUT TEETH

Penang. If nothing is done for them now 64 percent of Malaya's school children will either grow up with no teeth or will eventually have to wear false sets, according to the Federation's Chief Dental Officer, Mr. C. F. Mummery.

"They must be taught young to take good care of their teeth," he said.

In the new Balik Pulau clinic, which is hoped to set up in every village in the Federation, not only children but also expectant mothers will receive guidance in proper diets for dental health.

Mr. Mummery said he hoped to get new accommodation for the training of more dental nurses for the Federation.

## SPRING FRESHNESS



DORVILLE'S anora sweater with ribbing at waist and deep V neckline—just right for spring wear.

# Meet The Flapper Of 1950

NEW YORK.

MEET the flapper of 1950.

She's been on the way for some time, but this spring's fashions will put her squarely in the vanguard of the style parade, which she led so confidently back in 1925.

From her short skirts to her shorter hair, she's back, like it or not. New York designers are showing spring styles so reminiscent of the "roaring twenties" that America's fashion editors, arriving for the semi-annual showings of the couture group of the New York Dress Institute, will rub their eyes to be sure they're not seeing a playback of a jazz age movie.

The tight sheath dresses, the wrap-around coats, even the peek-a-boo georgette blouses of the flapper era are back in the spotlight. There is, however, one recurring difference: though the styles are similar to those of 25 years ago, the shape of the girl who wears them is not. Miss 1950 insists on retaining her natural curves and her slim waistline, and not for all the able to live in a "boyish form" of 1925.

The chemise dress, that straight sheath with the bathing suit neckline so popular in the Charles-era, is a major trend of the season among top designers. Sometimes it is shown as is, in georgette or chiffon, complete with beading. Sometimes it is worn beneath a sheer redingote or overskirt, which disguises its uncompromising straight lines. And sometimes it forms the basis of a dress-and-jacket outfit. Many of the big town's top tailors are showing sleeveless sheath dresses in sheer wool instead of the usual skirt to team with tailored suit jackets. The idea is that, with jacket, the wearer is dressed suitably for shopping or office; without the jacket she is wearing a short, sleeveless, low-necked dinner dress, and is all set for whatever festivities the evening may hold.

One of the chief exponents of this versatile costume is Anthony Blotta. He shows the sheath-and-jacket outfits in sheer wools as well as heavy imported linens and rich natural raw silks from Italy.

Transparent georgette, nylon net or tulle, organza and chiffon are all over the spring fashion picture. In solid colors or prints, they are to be seen in practically every top collection—notably those of Adele Simpson, Claire McCardell, Pauline Trigere and Capel.

Capel reintroduces the transparent black or navy georgette or net redingote over a tulle sheath.

The short evening dress also is a highlight of the spring collections. Cecil Chapman, dance dress designer for the debutante age, shows only two or three full-length formal gowns in a large collection of party styles.

Most of her dance frocks are short, bouffant organzas in white or pastel colors, with yards and yards of sheer fabric in the skirts and only a scrap above the waist. She shows the dark, draped, strapless sheath dress with a cover-up bolero, for less formal wear.

Waistlines, though in some instances edging downward, are in most cases normal. Though the silhouette is rounded over the belt, wise designers for the most part are adding direct shoulder pads, because they know that most women's figures demand them. — Associated Press.

## Ribbon In Paris Millinery

PARIS. — A Paris house, Legroux Soeurs, uses a great deal of ribbon for trimming, especially plaid taffeta, and plain, bright green, made into big bows with numerous loops and placed upward at the front of the hat. Other hats have less elaborate bows at back, ending in flaps.

As for shapes, the tendency is toward thick cushion brims, slightly jutting at front or flat brims—elongated and up at sides; padded roll movements are obtained through sectioned brims, turning up to lean on the crown.

Crowns are varied; they are of one piece with the brim, giving a "bonnet effect," or they have flat tops, others end in a point and hug the head. This last tendency recurs in young-looking betrons.

Handsome plaid and rici are often used by Legroux, who works the braid from the top of the crown down into the elongated brim, instead of the usual circular movement. Other straps include panama and fine pailon in whole shapes. This house favours natural straw and some bright colours, such as red.

## Hubby Refuses Kisses

A woman won a divorce in the Detroit, Mich., courts on the grounds that her husband refused to be kissed because he was afraid of germs.

## The Right Shade of Powder



Courtesy Harriet Hubbard Ayer

Take time to choose just the right shade of powder; you'll find it makes a big difference in your appearance. And always be sure to have a clean puff to apply it.

By HELEN FOLLETT

NOT so many years ago—old-time sisters remember it—well—a woman had choice of three shades of powder—white, flesh and brunette. For some strange reason, white was considered most lady-like—a quaint word, that; almost out of date—and the result was that many a pretty girl had a nose that looked like a marshmallow.

Now a shade cosmetician will produce as many as a dozen different shades of complexion. And why not? There are more natural complexions than that, ranging from the pale face to the florid, to the golden.

If you are particularly fussy you can get a cosmetic bar and get a special blend. Your "prescription" showing just what colour have been used and how much of each, will be filed away so that you can give a repeat order at any time.

Should it happen that the powder you are using is too light in tone it will accentuate every tiny defect in the skin; on the other women it will make fine lines even more apparent.

With the right selection, the sallowness complexion may appear to be a nicely tanned surface instead of greenish-yellow with which some of the sallowness-complexioned girls are afflicted.

It is important to keep in mind that the consistency of different powders vary. The woman with a dry skin should find one with an oily base; it will stick by her longer. Cream rouge will be a happier selection than the compact.

For the oily skin the fragrant calcimine should be light, free of elements of oily character. It should also be applied lightly, fluffed on with the powder pad, never ground in to press powder into the pores.

## Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

## A Batch Of Orange Recipes

"I AGREE with you, Chef, skin is so tender it can be pierced with a fork. Remove to a dish; cool and pour over a definite place in our menus. For instance, orange sections with cottage cheese-and-raisin balls on lettuce for lunch or Sunday supper salad plates. Or orange, nut and date salads instead of a dessert at dinner."

"And the dressing, Madame?"  
"Just mild honey, and lemon juice; 4 parts of honey to 1 of lemon."

"I have also used orange juice to baste roasting or broiling chicken or duck—it gives a very nice flavour, Madame."

"In New England they often use oranges in a shortcake at Sunday breakfast."

"But, Madame, that is extraordinary, to start the morning with a dessert!"

"Coffee Cakes"

"But, Chef, what are the coffee cakes, sweet rolls or sugared doughnuts that so many people have with coffee in the morning?"

"Ah out, Madame. In that case I will withdraw to the simple French breakfast of croissants and coffee."

"I'm sure you'd enjoy the shortcake, Chef. It's not really sweet, and it's warm and heaped with orange sections. Just the thing for a late Sunday breakfast."

"I am intrigued by your suggestion, Madame. In return, may I present my latest bit of patisserie—these Frosted Orange Cookies, which I recommend to serve with afternoon tea, with apple compote or stewed pears for dessert, or for a surprise in the lunch-box? Et voilà!"

Dinner

Celery Soup  
Boiled Smoked Pork Tenderloin  
Potatoes Turnips Carrots  
Orange Shortcake  
Coffee, or Tea Milk (Children)  
Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine.

All Measurements Are Least Recipe Serves Four

Ways With Oranges  
Baked Stuffed Oranges

Choose thin-skinned Florida oranges. Cut a slice from the top and scoop out the pulp. Remove any seeds. To the pulp add 1/4 the quantity of raisins, dried dried figs and chopped nuts of any kind. Refill the oranges with this. Place in a good-sized casserole. For 8 medium-sized oranges dissolve 1/2 c. sugar in 1 1/2 c. water and pour into the casserole. Cover and slow-bake at 325-350 F. until the orange

## Frosted Orange Cookies

Sift together 1 1/2 c. enriched flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. baking soda. Add 1/2 c. softened shortening (any kind), 1 c. light brown sugar, 1 egg, the grated rind of 1/4 orange, and 1/4 c. milk. Beat until smooth, about 2 min. Then add 2 1/2 additional tsp. orange, and 3 tsp. orange juice, rolled oats. Drop from a tea-spoon onto a well oiled baking sheet, keeping the cookies 2" apart, as they will spread. Bake in a moderate oven, 375 F. from 12-15 min. Serve plain, or frosted with a thin orange icing.

Thin Orange Icing: Measure 2 tsp. orange juice into a small bowl. Add 1/4 tsp. grated orange rind and gradually stir in 1 c. sifted confectioner's sugar.

## Trick of the Chef

Before measuring shortening first dip the spoon into hot water and it will not stick.

# U.S. TURNS TO THE SEA TO BEAT THREAT OF THIRST

The United States, the richest country in the world, has suddenly realised it is short of the most vital commodity in the world—water. Scientists say they may have to drink from the sea.

POCKET CARTOON  
—from America  
by OSBERT LANCASTER



## Learning To Be An Actor

London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Art has earned the status of Britain's National School of Acting.

It derives its popularity from the astonishing success of its students ever since it was founded in 1904. The autumn term last year started with more students than ever—209 of whom 141 are men. Twenty-six came from the United States.

Students must be more than 16 but there is no age limit after that.

The mainstay of the students' diet is character acting from heavy drama to drawing-room comedy, but broadcasting, television, and everything else in the realm of theatrical training occupies Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5.30. The professional staff of 40 is supplemented by stage people of renown.

About a dozen students get ahead each year for not making adequate progress. Promising ones get professional jobs while still learning.

A stiff exam decides those who are permitted to enter the academy, and tuition costs 60 guineas a year for two years. Only seventy of 310 recent applicants satisfied the judges, who are experts at spotting special aptitudes as opposed to spontaneous dramatic feeling.

Charles Laughton is the famous R.A.D.A. gold medalist.

The Academy's big theatre, blitzed in 1941, is being rebuilt and will be the finest student theatre anywhere.

Postmen delivering letters to a house at Durham will get a shock when they see the sign—'Beware of the Lion'.

It is put up by farmer James Walton, who has decided people don't take enough notice of watchdogs and has bought a lioness named Simba.

Simba, he said is fully domesticated and under full control. He takes his stroll on a lead like a dog, then she settles down on a rug in front of the fire.

The clerk to the local council passed over by law when he heard about Simba. But there was no mention of lions. So he said, 'Go ahead.'

Just Telephone The Kremlin

A notice on the bulletin board in the Press section of UN headquarters reads: 'Advertisement, advertisement—Does a mountain mar the beautiful view of your summer residence? Then phone 'Kremlin Mountain Moving Service.' We specialise in making molehills out of Alps and vice versa.'

## 1950 Army Art Show Features

The Army Art Society has given notice that its 19th exhibition will be held in London during the autumn, and invites works for consideration from all ranks in the Forces. These entries can be accepted without distinction from past and present members of the Forces, whether permanent or temporary.

At the last exhibition, which was held in October 1949 in the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, 398 works in oil and water, colour, drawings, pastels and sculptures were on show. Great public interest was shown, and a fair number of the exhibits were sold.

The Society was originally formed in 1925 as the Army Officers' Art Society, but later on, membership was thrown open to all ranks. As its members enjoy opportunities for travel which are often denied to other artists, the Society makes a special feature of subjects painted abroad which other Societies can seldom bring before the public.

Those who are subscribing members are entitled to submit four works at each exhibition without paying hanging fees, but non-members may also submit up to four works also, though in their case there is a submission fee of two shillings for each work sent in, plus a hanging fee determined by the Committee but which is limited by rule to a maximum of 7s. 6d. for each work submitted.

The honorary secretary is Lt. Col. A. G. Armstrong, 19, Knightsbridge Court, Sloane Street, London, S.W.1.

## THIS KISS WAS PRICED AT \$176

The Virginia Industrial Commission has put a price on a kiss—176 dollars.

This particular kiss was executed by Neil Turner and Phenna Danner, both players in the famous Barter Theatre of Virginia, in the course of a performance of Moliere's 'The Imaginary Invalid'.

The New York Sunday Mirror reports that Neil played the part with such fervour that the first four rows of stalls heard the crunch of his nose when he misjudged and launched off the lady's forehead. He carried on to the end of the show, then went to see a doctor, who told him he had a fractured nose.

Later, he received a sizable bill for the repair of his nose. So, on the theory that he was injured in the line of duty, he filed a compensation claim for medical fees and unemployment with the Industrial Commission. The Commission recognised his claim and promptly sent him a cheque for \$176.

This, incidentally, is not the first legal recognition of the potential damage of a kiss. A Colorado Supreme Court decision some years ago held that a kiss can be as dangerously intoxicating as alcohol, and that anyone so intoxicated is responsible for damages incurred in this exhilarated state—in this case a motor car accident.

## Tantrum Babies

A day nursery for tantrum babies has been set up by Middlesex County Council.

Sponsors say these problem children will benefit if they are taken away from their homes for a few hours each day.

In vast areas of the country, stringent restrictions on the use of water have been imposed in the last few months.

This is partly the result of a temporary drought, but American scientists emphasise that even without the drought, Americans are using too much water.

They see 1975 as the absolute deadline; 'something big' must come by then, or the national economy will face a crisis.

The hardest hit area at present is the north eastern section of the United States—the most closely settled part of the country. It includes such cities as New York, Philadelphia, and Boston.

New York City and the vicinity contain 14,000,000 people and an immense concentration of industry.

Its water shortage today is the worst in history.

Its reservoirs hold enough water for 60 days at the present rates of consumption, and the city uses about 200 million more gallons daily than the reservoirs receive.

In New Jersey the drought was even more severe and the Government has imposed rationing.

In the entire north eastern United States consumption has steadily outstripped supply.

The problem here primarily is not one of increasing population. More important are increased industrial consumption of water and the terrible increase brought on by new developments such as air conditioning, and plain waste.

In New York alone waste from leaking taps and long showers amounts to 200,000,000 gallons daily.

But on the Pacific Coast the primary problem is population. Since 1940, 5,000,000 people have poured into California.

Even planning well ahead, water experts have been unable to keep up with the rush to the West.

The U.S. Federal Government has long recognised the importance of water as a natural resource.

But there is no overall Federal authority to supervise supply, and so far the Government lacks even a comprehensive survey of the nation's usable and used water supplies.

A scientific suggestion for the eventual solution to the crisis is sea water.

During the war immense advances were made in distilling the ocean for drinking purposes.

But it is estimated that distilled ocean water would cost between three and 12 times as much as various water supply authorities charge for fresh water.

The answer, scientists say, is atomic energy.

The main requirement in distillation is heat—expensive to create by regular means.

But the biggest bugbear of present atomic plants such as that at Hanford, Washington, is how to get rid of excessive heat.

It is a proved fact that the Hanford plant appreciably raises the temperature of the Columbia River on which it is situated. 'Why not use this waste heat for useful purposes?' the experts ask.

The Government has taken the advice to heart.

Now before Congress is a bill asking for \$50,000,000 to establish two pilot plants to experiment in distilling sea water.

The Government hopes that Americans may be drinking water made with atomic energy some day. And there is no shortage of ocean water.

## "PESTOLOGISTS" EACH AND ALL

A family which has been in the rat-catching business for 200 years is doing a record business in postwar London. Here, as in many European cities, devastation by bombing has made things easier for rats.

## IDA GAVE STAR ROLE TO DOUBLE

Thirty-one-year-old Ida Lupino, who left London at 16 to seek and find fame as an actress in Hollywood, has now become filmland's youngest woman producer.

Her first independent venture is a simple but well-told tear-jerker about an unmarried mother, entitled 'Not Wanted.'

She made this film in Hollywood on a bank loan, plus nearly £40,000 of her own savings.

By the time production was finished—with increasing financial difficulties—she had no money left to advertise or exploit it.

But the picture soon advertised itself, and it has now been officially listed in America as among the 12 top box-office hits of the season.

Producer Ida has got her investment back—with dividends.

Outstanding feature of 'Not Wanted' is the moving performance of 19-year-old Sally Forrest, in the leading role.

Ida Lupino picked her, an unknown actress, because she resembled her own appearance when she first arrived in Hollywood.

Sewer-pipes cracked and shifted by blast make a network of easy runways beneath scores of square miles of the city.

The Howard family, carrying on its two-century-old fight against rats, has been called to more than one Royal residence. The Bank of England is among its clients.

They use ferrets and trained dogs, traps, and gas, but prefer to shoot.

As a family they are among the sweetest crack shots in Britain and use an armoury of 16 different kinds of firearms.

William Howard, who founded the business, taught his sons to shoot when they were five. Since then every son in the family has started his training at five, and even the daughters are taught to shoot and join in the raids far below the streets of London.

## RECORD NIGHT

On one record night, using dogs to drive rats from shelves, pipes, beams, and crevices, the Howards shot for three hours until 759 lay dead around them.

After a rest, they started shooting again, and brought the night's score to 1,200.

Old William Howard called himself simply a 'rat-catcher'; his great-great-grandsons carrying on the business call themselves 'pestologists' and live elegantly in stately Victorian houses full of rich mahogany and handsome crystal.

But in other ways, things have slipped back. They used to keep their own army of white ferrets—500 of them. In these meagre days, because of rationing, they cannot keep more than 40.

# NEWS IN PICTURES



COMBINED ARTISTRY—Augustino Vincenzi, a barber in the Bronx, New York, gives a haircut to a customer surrounded by paintings he has done. A native of Italy, Vincenzi specialises in portraits of nationally known figures and ecclesiastical subjects. He has been painting for 20 years, or the same length of time he has been a barber.



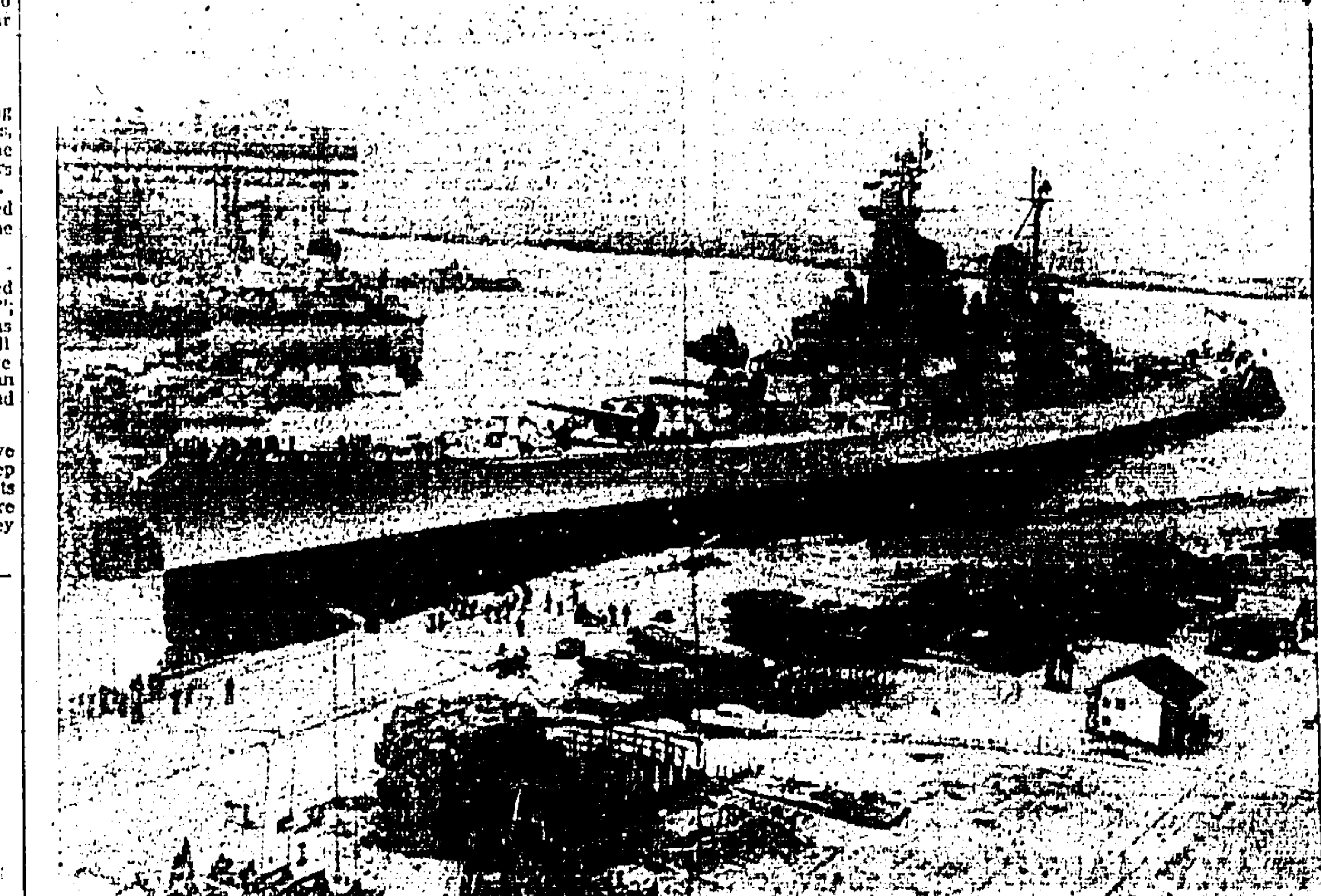
PHYSIOTHERAPY WITH BALLET—She doesn't aspire to dance in the ballet, but actress Karen Marsh limbers up in Hollywood under the guidance of instructor Theodore Kosloff, former film actor. Karen is certain that such training will help to restore normal action to her left foot, which she almost lost in a plane accident last summer. She also studied with Kosloff when she was a child.



COLD OUTPOST—A lone Husky dog watches a tug-of-war team bring supplies ashore at the British base in the Argentine Islands, a centre of the nation's Antarctic outposts. Britain's lead in scientific research in the desolate area was established some years ago.



GOOD CHOICE—Starlet Jean Peters has been named Miss Valentine for 1950 by a men's tie organisation. Jean demonstrates what can be done when a girl drapes herself in some of the latest men's tie creations.



GOING THROUGH TESTS—The U.S. battleship Missouri is shown as she goes through dock trials at Norfolk, Virginia. The trials involve testing the engines, which were fouled when the vessel ran aground.

## K. O. CANNON . . . . . The Riddle of the Red Domino

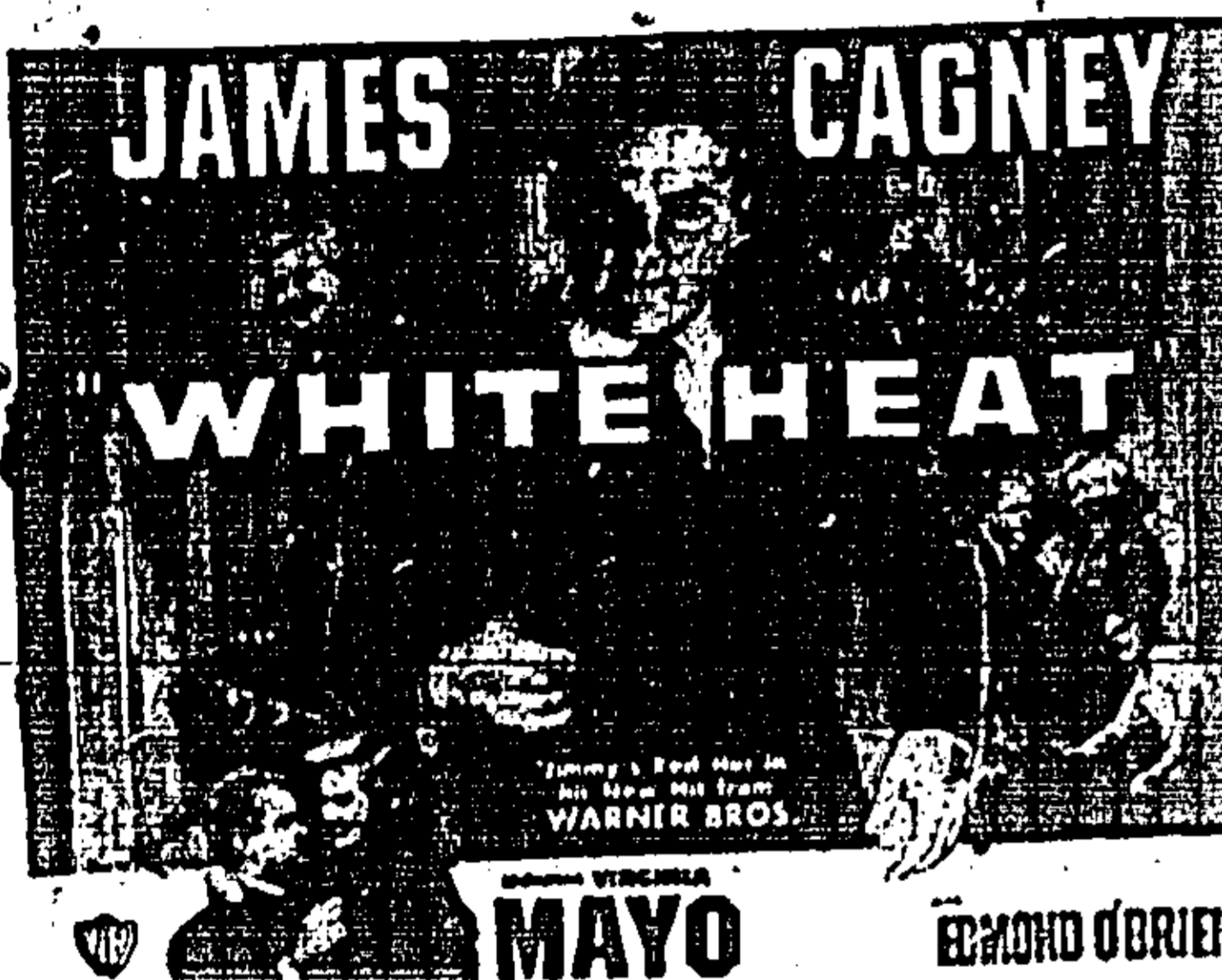


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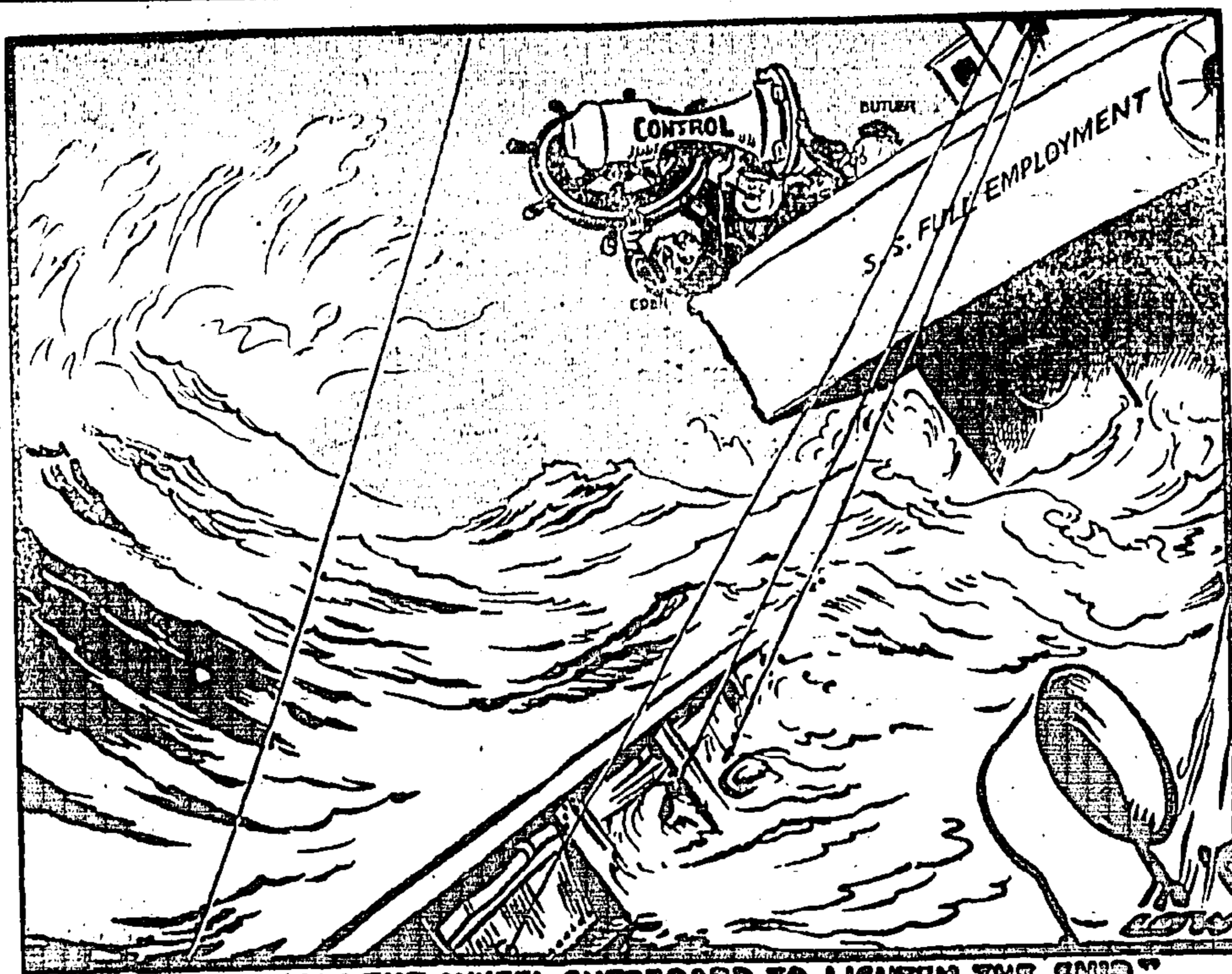
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## Inside The 'BERLIN KREMLIN'



BLACK GUARDS, pistol on hip, patrol outside a walled compound in the Soviet sector of Berlin. Inside live the Moscow-picked men — and their families—who have been set up as the East German Government. Berlin has pieced together this first full story of life inside the miniature Kremlin. It provides one explanation for the anxiety of the East to get Western recognition for the People's Democracy.

WILLIAM HAMMER

A NEW brick wall runs beside the little River Panke where it sparkles and eddies through a wooden park on the north-east border of Soviet Berlin. The wall is half a mile long and twice as high as a man. Both sides are strongly patrolled day and night. The German Black Guards, who wear smart black uniforms with silver-coloured shoulder flashes. They have new belts of bright brown leather, and each man carries a revolver on his right hip.

If, ignoring the revolvers and the rest, you scaled the wall, you would find nothing more grisly than a well-kept lawn, an enormous black car on a path beside it, and, pacing on the grass, a lonely old man, thick white hair showing beneath a Hamburg hat, his bulk swaddled in a heavy grey top coat.

### Royal domain

THE little, lone pacer is the Moscow-trained Communist Wilhelm Pieck. His new biography proudly records that he is a close friend of Stalin, his co-disciple in Marxism, and now, at 74, the Kremlin's choice for the presidency of the East German "People's Democratic" Government.

If protection from the Russians is not needed, can it be that he is to be protected from jealous Germans?

For besides the presidency Comrade Pieck also inherited a royal domain—this Panke park of many trees and many mansions where once the

Hohenzollerns proudly pranced on hunting days.

There was no wall then. Neither was there in the park a palisade to which the wall gives place for half a mile. It is a palisade of green-painted, deep-planted planks which curves past a few stately trees then suddenly angles away from the park to seal off a whole row of streets—such as Bismarck-alley, Kronprinz-avenue, and Siegfried-lane.

Among these reminders of Prussian glory the wall and palisade come together to enclose a compound, the Kremlin of Berlin.

Here are the homes of the men who, with Pieck, make up the Communist Government of this "People's Democracy," and, like Pieck, all who live in the compound are as carefully guarded as if they were lunatics or lepers.

Most Germans would envy them their villas, even if they are only of the outer suburban family type that could be put up for say, £800 in the days when that sort of thing was allowed.

### Rank tells

AMONG the "protected persons" of the compound there is not much calling on neighbours. If ever President Pieck leaves his well-kept lawn to drop in on the Otto Grotewohl, for instance, he could not fail to contrast his own spacious home with the lack of space provided for his Prime Minister.

But there is no evidence that President Pieck has ever gone visiting in the Premier's street—the Friedrich Wilhelmstrasse,

one of the narrowest in the whole compound.

The presidential car always uses the front gate. If he drove out of the side entrance, it is said, there would be only one Black Guard to salute him.

The truth is that in this compound of a Government which has abolished rank, it is still rank-up or down the Communist ladder—which tells.

Shopping precedence presents its problems in the compound. The keenest shopper is Frau Lotte Kuchin-Ullrich, who runs the household of bearded Deputy Premier Walter Ulbricht, the "modern Lenin of Eastern Germany"—and reputed to be the man Moscow most trusts of all this Government.

Frau Lotte is known for her swift eye for food bargains in the special shop for high-ups where Germans and Russians still meet, and where every shopper must show a special admission card before being allowed to buy.

Other Government friends avoid being seen in this store for high-ups and foreign diplomats from the East. Among the shy ones is young Frau Professor Gertrud Kastner, wife of Economics Professor Hermann Kastner, the so-called Liberal, who is another Deputy Premier.

### Visitors

FRAU Kastner is never among the personal shoppers. But she well knows the attractions of the cafe attached to the store. She visits it frequently for coffee and cream cakes. She acquired the habit when she was Kastner's secretary and took coffee with the first Frau Kastner.

Another shy Frau Minister is Frau Nuschke. She was 21 when 57-year-old Deputy Premier Nuschke made her his fourth bride.

In the Hohenzollern days complex rules governed the leaving of visiting cards at the lodge. Now there is only one rule, which makes it simpler at the compound—every visitor must leave his identity card before he is allowed in the gate.

Only the little River Panke can get in and out of the compound without a special pass. The leaving of your identity card is a guarantee of your conduct while you are visiting. You get the card again as you leave—and in the interim the Black Guard will have been able to check up on your desirability as a visitor.

Much of the State business that is done in the compound is formal and ceremonial. Official pictures show President Pieck receiving a delegation of peasants who told him they had fulfilled their target by 102 percent, or receiving a delegation of miners and metal

workers who told him how they fulfilled their targets by 101½ percent, and so on.

The clever business is done nearer the Russian headquarters, at offices in down-town Berlin.

### Unrecognised

THE question of a motor-car went to Ministerial level the other day. This was after the Russians refused a Western diplomat permission to drive his own car back East to his post of duty.

"Tell him we will give him a visa to take his car across the

Soviet zone," said Foreign Minister Georg Dertinger, but the Westerner refused to be led into negotiating with an unelected Government whose legal existence the Western Powers deny.

But Western recognition—just that—remains the chief hope of the East zone "People's Democratic" Cabinet inside the Kremlin of Berlin.

Until this hope matures, they will stay in their compound with the protective Black Guards as a tangible symbol of their own fear of facing a free electorate.

(London Express Service)

## C.V.R. Thompson Reports The U.S.A.

NEW YORK.

BEARDED Peter Ever-shed, 23-year-old artist from Hove, Sussex, had made only £7 in six months from his paintings when he got to New York.

That dream of success which brought him to the U.S. last July had faded. A week sleeping on park benches with a few cents in his pocket was calculated to kill it altogether.

But not quite.

With a satchel of water colours under his arm, Peter set out determinedly along Fifth Avenue. He was looking for an art gallery.

He found the British-American Gallery, run by Mrs. Ala Story. Out came the water colours. Mrs. Story was impressed. She put off an exhibition by "Grandma" Moses, the U.S. farm woman who gets £1,000 a picture. In its place went an ever-shed exhibition.

Result: Peter sold ten pictures for prices from 12 guineas to 80 guineas, his commissions for many more.

SALESMAN Mr. Frank Rostron takes the road soon in search of Americans who want to save money by buying British. Neither he nor his firm is discouraged because Seattle, his first U.S. stopping place, ignores charges of discrimination and turned down his bid—the lowest by £70,000—to supply electrical equipment.

So Mr. Rostron is off to Los Angeles. The job there is not as big as that at Seattle, but he thinks it is worth trying.

ROOSEVELT - FOR - GOVERNOR - NOT - talk is sweeping through New York for the first time since 1928. This time, the Roosevelt is F. D. R. junior.

There is a £35-a-head dinner ahead for every important Democrat in New York. Guest of honour Mayor William O'Dwyer is ill, so he picked Roosevelt to take his place—a choice of great political significance.

So a campaign to run Roosevelt against his father's old opponent, New York State Governor Tom Dewey, this autumn is gathering strength.

Footnote.—It was from New York's Governorship that F. D. R. senior, moved to the White House.

DANCER Paul Draper was cut out of a filmed TV show because of objections by anti-Communists. Draper, who is accused of entertaining at benefits for Communist groups, denies he is a Communist. A motor company sponsoring the show stated it understood Draper had been "cleared" by G-men and the Roman Catholic Church.

HUMPHREY BOGART of Hollywood cannot keep out of trouble in New York. He arrived determined to stay on the wagon. And what happens? He is criticised for drinking water on a waterless day.

COMMENT by comedian Bob Hope on the Washington drive for equal rights for women: "I hope it means that women will start to drive on the same side of the street as men."

IN TACOMA, Washington, the judge presiding over a case listed as Bergman versus Bergman suggested he ought to disqualify himself. The judge's name—Roesellini.

DEPLOING a tendency of American parents to return to the "old-fashioned" practice

of spanking their children. Dr. Dorothy Baruch, a child psychologist, has begun a campaign against it. Her theme: "All spanking does is to relieve the feelings of the spanker."

NAVY MEN are still so angry in their belief that the politicians are favouring Air Force, that it has become necessary to issue orders that Navy officers must be courteous to the President.

Reason for the order—President Truman recently passed a Naval officer during his morning stroll. "Hello," said the President affably. The officer turned on his heel and walked the other way.

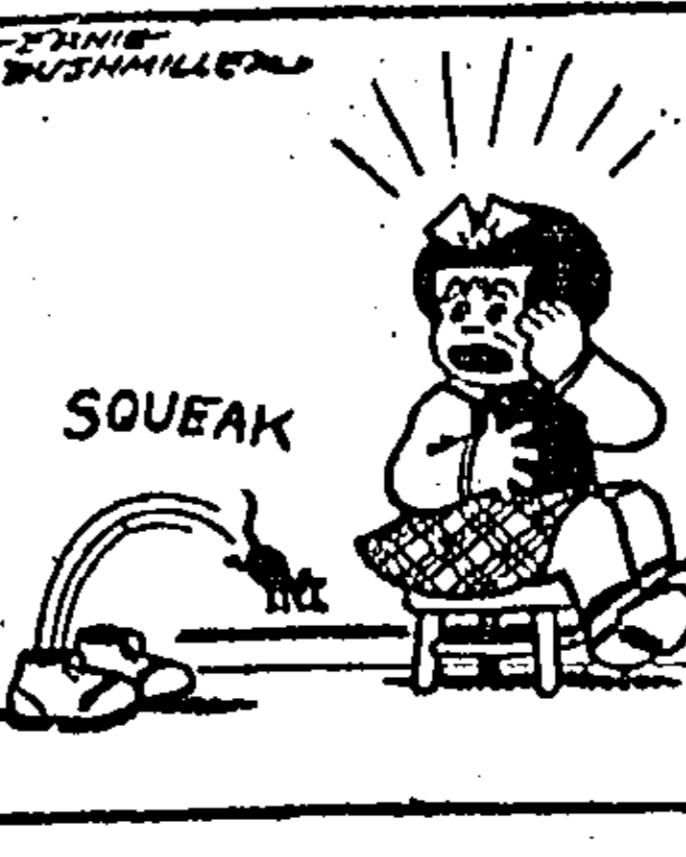
CATASTROPHIC illnesses only would be covered under a compromise national health programme Washington is now discussing. These would be illnesses which lay up a family's chief money-maker for so long that the family would be financially ruined.

The plan, it is estimated, would not cost more than £200 million a year. The lowest estimate for President Truman's all-out plan is £1,800 million a year.

FORECAST: The man likely to be chosen by President Truman to boss America's atomic factories is Chester Barnard, 63-year-old ex-business man, head of the Rockefeller Foundation.

WAGES: Labour Secretary Maurice Tobin is not satisfied with this year's minimum wage law which forbids employers to pay less than 5¢ 4/10 (an hour 75 cents). He has called for a new law making 7¢ 1/4 (one dollar, an hour the minimum).

NANCY Rattled



## SOVIET SCHEMES ANTI-FOREIGN PURGE PROCESS

London, Feb. 26.—Britain will resist as long as possible manoeuvres by the Eastern European satellites to squeeze Western representatives from behind the Iron Curtain, officials indicated today.

However, a reduction in the size of diplomatic units in Eastern and Central European countries was believed unavoidable and a marked reduction in trade contacts with the Eastern European states also was anticipated as a result of their increasing self-imposed isolation.

Diplomatic quarters said the latest move on the part of Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland against Western representatives were part of an overall plan to "get rid" of foreign observers inside the Iron Curtain and reduce contacts of their representatives abroad to a minimum.

To experts on Eastern European affairs, it was apparent the moves were initiated by Moscow because:

1. Recent resignations from the staffs of Eastern European Legations in the West have become too frequent and therefore embarrassing to the Communist regimes of the satellites. Periodically every one of the satellites has in the past 12 months lost diplomatic, serving abroad, were preferred to go into exile rather than return to their homes.
2. Moscow fears the Legations abroad may serve as channels of unprotected contacts with the West and turn into centres of possible Titoism in the countries they represent.
3. The Kremlin wants the least possible independent moves on the part of some of the satellites through their representatives in the capitals of Western democracies.
4. Russia fears that supervision of foreign diplomats in the capitals of the satellites lacks thoroughness and that foreign observers may report too freely their impressions and

collect information on internal developments, above all on Soviet penetration.

Russia was believed to have instructed her satellites to squeeze out Western representatives under the cloak of charges of espionage or by linking foreign diplomats with espionage trials. This coincided with reports this week that Poland had curtailed the freedom of movement of foreign military attaches.

The "elimination" campaign is not restricted to diplomats.

—United Press.

### SEMI-OFFICIALLY:

## Moscow Declines To Be Impressed

Moscow, Feb. 26.—Pravda's top commentator, Ilya Ehrenburg, today attacked what he called American diplomatic blackmail with the "atomic bomb or super bomb," but, like other Soviet publicists, he did not mention the hydrogen bomb by name.

He said that for four years in a row the Americans had brandished the atom bomb, and now that the effect of that had petered out, they were pushing the new "super bomb."

"Bombs and super bombs mean principally blackmail. They think we Soviet people possess weak nerves. They vainly think we will raise our hands up after listening to President Truman's utterances."

"The roar of guns, tanks and bombs is still in our ears. We were not frightened then. We didn't raise our hands, but those who stupidly thought they could scare us surrendered."

"Let grocers and haberdashers get busy with something else. Let them advertise their stocks of super bombs. Let the Republicans frighten the Democrats and the Democrats frighten the Republicans with new political scandals. As far as we are concerned, they are getting hot under the collar in vain."

He then paid tribute to the American people, saying that, like all the world's people, they did not want war. But, he added, there were many naive people in America who did not understand politics.

As an example of politics, he said that during the presidential election campaign, Mr. Truman forgot the word "bomb," but when the election was over, Mr. Truman "forgot" the word "bomb" and forgot "peace."

—United Press.

### ELECTED BUT MAY NOT GO

Belfast, Feb. 26.—Mr. A. J. Murphy, the newly elected Irish Nationalist Member of Parliament in Westminster, said today that the Anti-Partition League will probably meet this week to decide if he should take his seat in the London Parliament.

At present he is pledged to boycott it in protest against the British attitude to Ireland.

Several Nationalists are pressing him and the other Nationalist Member of Parliament, Mr. G. Healy (Tyronne), to reverse this decision and take advantage of the narrow Government majority by attending.

This would be mainly a propaganda move. They would be unlikely to vote for either the Conservatives or for Labour.

—Reuter.

### Moir Shearer Married

London, Feb. 26.—Red-haired ballerina Moira Shearer was married to a young writer yesterday in the Royal Chapel of Hampton Court Palace.

The star of the film "Red Shoes" and a leading dancer of the Sadlers Wells Ballet wed Ludovic Kennedy, former college tutor turned writer.

Hundreds of people crowded into the courtyard of the historic Palace of King Henry VIII hours before the ceremony.

—Associated Press.

### Answer Will Be No

Singapore, Feb. 26.—Austrian Communist who apply for permission to enter this British Crown Colony will be given a curt "no," an official announcement said.

—Associated Press.

## The Supreme Champion At Crufts



For the second time in succession Mr H. S. Lloyd's, Cocker Spaniel, Tracy Witch of Ware, was judged to be the best dog in the show at Crufts Dog Show held at Olympia, on February, 10 and 11. Photo shows "Tracey" Witch of Ware.

### Bombs Thrown In Genoa

Genoa, Feb. 26.—The police here today were hunting a gang of men believed to be former partisans who last night threw bombs into the offices here of the newspaper, Corriere del Popolo.

One of the bombs exploded in the editorial room without causing injury. Another fell without exploding in the doorway to the office.

The paper recently published a series of articles on partisan activities at the end of the war. These provoked protests from the left wing press.

—Reuter.

## WHISPERING ABOUT MR BEVAN

London, Feb. 26.—The "mystery" why Britain's Health Minister, Mr Aneurin Bevan, who was not at yesterday's important Cabinet meeting, was cleared up today by his sister and his agent.

Mr Bevan was indisposed, they said.

The Sunday Express this morning said a Labour official had explained that Mr Bevan could not reach London in time from his Welsh constituency, but some of his friends were quoted as saying he was in a mood that might have made attendance at the meeting "the awkward for some of his colleagues."

The dispatch said that he had been in London at the time of the meeting and later left London "for an unknown destination."

Mr Morris, Mr Bevan's sister, said today that he had left Tredegar, Monmouthshire, on Friday and became unwell on his way to London. "His indisposition was of such a nature that it would be very inconvenient for him to attend the meeting," she said. "It was nothing serious. There is no political significance in it."

His agent, Mr Lush, told a reporter that when Mr Bevan had told him over the telephone last night of the little incident which prevented his reaching Downing Street, he was highly amused. The incident had nothing whatever to do with politics. The relationship between Mr Bevan and his members of the Cabinet re quite happy.

—Reuter.

### BIG ELECTION OPERATION

London, Feb. 26.—Launched, a "feboat, taxibus and—for the first time in history—an aeroplane were used today to bring in Election votes from the Shetlands and Orkneys, Britain's northernmost Parliamentary division.

The combined land-air-sea operations have lasted three days.

A specially chartered aeroplane flew 33 ballot boxes from the Shetlands to Kirkwall.

—Reuter.

### Death Of Lord Henderson

Carlisle, Feb. 26.—Lord Henderson, of Ardwick, who was raised to the Peerage in this New Year's honours list, died last night at Cumberland. He was 65.

Formerly Mr Joseph Henderson, Labour Member of Parliament for the Ardwick division of Manchester, he was President of the National Union of Railwaymen and was the first Labour Mayor of Carlisle, his birthplace.

Lord Henderson, Government Whip in the House of Commons from 1945, was made a Baron in the list submitted to King George at the end of 1949 by Prime Minister Clement Attlee. He was one of Mr Attlee's strongest supporters in the House of Commons.

He had been ill for some weeks before Parliament adjourned for the Christmas holiday and had not taken his new seat in the House of Lords.

—Associated Press.

### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The idea, giving me a parking ticket! Why, I still could have you arrested for breaking my windows with your baseball when you were a little boy!"

## AMERICAN COAL STRIKE THREATENING CRISIS

### Eleventh-Hour Effort For Settlement

Pittsburgh, Feb. 26.—Striking soft coal miners saw victory at hand today in their titanic ten-month struggle for a new contract. United Mine Workers' pickets, however, still planned an all-out drive tomorrow for a complete shutdown in the coal fields.

Industry sources warned that the industrial machine of the nation would cease functioning unless the strike ended "at once". The nation's economy was deteriorating rapidly.

So-called "brown" markets in coal were operating in five states. More than 150,000 workers in coal and dependent industries will be idle tomorrow as shut-downs and cuts mount steadily. The figure can double or triple rapidly.

The hopes of miners spurred an UMW negotiator and coal operators went into an extraordinary Sunday session in Washington. Optimists also were generated by the surprise call of district UMW president Washington by the Union's international officers.

Lee Burkey, strike leader at Maxwell, Pennsylvania, said the men "really think victory is within touching distance."

Strike-enforced "brown" markets flourished in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and Michigan. Even so, purchasers had no assurance of deliveries. One Pittsburgh buyer, who had ordered Eastern Kentucky coal at US\$7 a ton, lost out when the fuel suddenly was diverted in transit to another broker who bid more.

The city of Pittsburgh, which needs 10,000 tons daily in the current sub-freezing weather, received 1,000 tons yesterday for hospitals, institutions and "hardship" cases. City officials in some areas seized coal supplies and rationed it out to emergency cases. Other cities reduced room temperatures to below 70 degrees, closed schools and ordered trolleys and elevated railroads to operate at reduced speeds.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT

Washington, Feb. 26.—Soft coal negotiators made a desperate eleventh-hour attempt today to settle the contract dispute before John L. Lewis United Mine Workers go on trial tomorrow on civil and criminal contempt charges.

An air of cautious optimism prevailed at the union-management talks.

Reports said only 50 cents per day separated union wage demands from what the operators would pay.

The Union faces the fact

### Death Of Sir Harry Lauder

(Continued from Page 1.)

He sang his own compositions and he soon had the British Isles singing "Stop Your Tinkling, Jock."

King Edward VII received Harry Lauder at a private performance at St. James's Palace in 1908. Newspapers of that period said the chuckling Scot had the King shaking with laughter with a new song, "It's Nice to Get Up in the Morning. It's Nice to Lay Abed."

By this time Lauder was rated the highest paid artist in British vaudeville. He also was highly popular in the United States and elsewhere.

He received his knighthood in 1919 for services rendered during the First World War when he entertained allied troops and raised enormous sums of money at charitable concerts.

He lost his only son, Capt. John Lauder, during the first World War and his ballads were tinged with sadness in song like "We Parted on the Shore," "The Waggle of the Kilt."

ANOTHER SAD BLOW

The loss of his wife, Annie, was another sad blow. He erected a shrine to her memory on the Scottish hills at Strathleven to which he paid periodic pilgrimages.

During the Second World War his enthusiastic work for the fighting services continued unflagging.

But doctors warned him against working and, overriding his protest, they ordered him to take a prolonged rest.

However, he still managed on occasion to sneak away and sing "a wee song for the ladies."

At 77 years of age, he said he was tired of resting and playing golf—"chasin' a wee gully ball"—and announced he was contemplating making another world tour.

He gave his own recipes for longevity: "Early to bed, lie as long as you can; eat ham and eggs, and ye'll be a fine man."

—United Press.

### Stupid As Well As "Rude"

Prague, Feb. 26.—The paper Rude Pravo alleged today that the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy had threatened to excommunicate any Catholic who voted for a Communist candidate in Thursday's British general election.

The paper, organ of the Czech Communist Party, said the "bourgeois used open terror and fraud during the election."

The paper did not elaborate. — Associated Press.

## YEMEN PLOT DENIED

Cairo, Feb. 26.—The British-owned Egyptian Gazette said today that King Ahmed of Yemen has broken up a plot to overthrow the government, led by his brother.

An undated dispatch reported that the King's brother, Sult al-Islam Ismail, who was Minister of Education, is now in prison at Hija. A number of conspirators fled to the neighbouring British colony of Aden, the Gazette said. It reported that most of them were teachers and students.

The Yemenite "Minister" of State, Hassan Ibn Ibrahim, who is under arrest but said it was for personal misconduct, unrelated to politics, Ibrahim denied that there had been a plot against the King. — Associated Press.

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# FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

### Safety Play

♠ 98	♥ 72	♦ AKQ105	♣ 10004
♠ KQJ10	♥ 74	♦ 73	♣ KJ3
♠ 2	♥ AKQ93	♦ J74	♣ AQ75
♠ 10004	♥ 72	♦ AKQ105	♣ 10004
♠ 98	♥ 74	♦ 73	♣ KJ3
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♠ 2	♥ AKQ93	♦ J74	♣ AQ75
♠ 10004	♥ 72	♦ AKQ105	♣ 10004

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

I firmly believe that card play—have learned how to really enjoy cards and at the same time, through their charity card parties, to do a great deal of good.

I want to give you an unusual safety play today. The opening lead of the king of spades held the first trick. West then played the ten of spades, wanting his partner to overtake it with the ace, so he could lead back a club. East did overtake, but declined to trump with the three of hearts.

If West had not led the ten on the second trick, but the queen of spades, and East did not overtake, the declarer's correct play would have been to ruff, but to discard a club. However, when the ten was overtaken with the ace, declarer had to ruff to prevent a club shift.

At this point the average player would proceed to cash the ace, king and queen of hearts, but that would be the wrong play. You must make a safety play and provide against four trumps being in one hand. You lead the six of hearts and let the opponents win the trick. Now if they continue with a spade you have a heart in dummy to trump with.

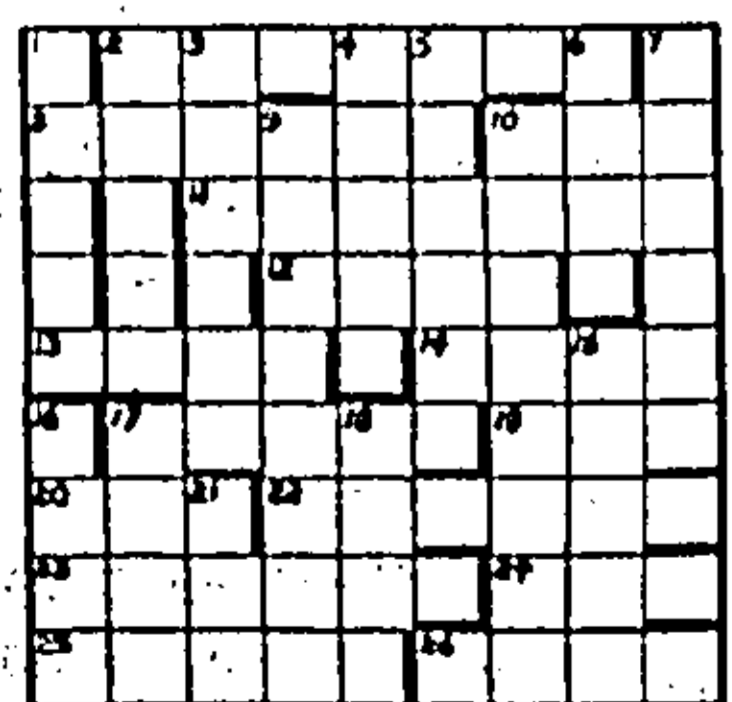
However, if East wins the trick and returns a club you can jump up with the ace. You then pick up the outstanding trumps and cash your five diamond tricks. Your ace of clubs given you your tenth trick for your contract.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. In radio what is meant by a sustaining programme?
2. "Tom and Jerry" is a beverage. Describe it.
3. What is a tola?
4. How is camphor produced?
5. What does the palm tree symbolize?
6. Name the author of "L'Allegre" and "Il Penseroso."

(Answers on Page 8)

## CROSSWORD

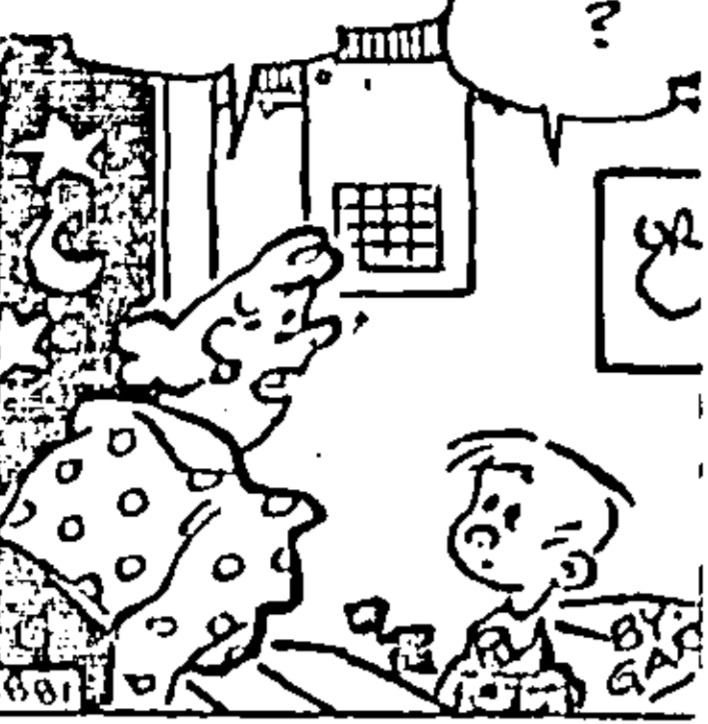


1. This is an open insult. (7)
2. Carried by the one armed. (6)
3. A piece of this earth. (3)
4. No celestial body. (5)
5. These are water-parasites. (4)
6. Two-sided sort of match? (4)
7. The ghostly dance. (6)
8. This bone runs from hip to knee. (6)
9. Correct when I am this. (3)
10. The end of all soil. (3)
11. This is a tip. (4)
12. Can you make this sort of pancake from an egg? (5)
13. Ato of the draught. (5)
14. You'll find this upright column in a spiral staircase. (6)
15. The third note Cesar was warned about. (4)
16. It is light in its name. (5)
17. Nest of a killer. (6)
18. From the panes of hunger. (6)
19. Dows. (6)
20. Violent advance. (6)
21. To little Edward a foot in. (4)
22. Whirled round and round and round. (6)
23. A pleasant little sweet. (8)
24. Is a change from dim morn. (8)
25. You'd never see it shine without the sun. (4)
26. For some a sentence means this. (6)
27. It is no wonder he. (4)
28. This is a tip. (4)

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## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... BY STELLA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

If you are born today you have a keen imagination and a restlessness which, if put to creative use in the arts, can produce a great deal. You have a feeling for drama and the gift of words, both spoken and written. Should you could easily be in the role of author or producer as that of performer.

Being more of a theorist than a person for the practical application of your ideas, you will need someone to instrument your plans if you are to bring forth the best possible results. You have the capacity to make money, but there are so many other things that you prefer. However, your talents and your willingness to work methodically at your

## AROUND THE WORLD

### The Swiss Riviera Region

By TEMPLE MANNING

HERE'S another Riviera, besides those of France and Italy, but one doesn't hear so much about it. It is the Swiss Riviera region formed by Clavens, Montreux, Ferret and Chillon, along the upper part of the Lake of Geneva.

Montreux is the most famous section of the region and delightful it is, too, no matter what the season. The various resorts are situated on a bay open to the south protected

from cold winds by a high mountain wall. The climate is perfect with vegetation to match. Fields of narcissi, jonquils, huge clumps of magnolias, fruit trees, public and private gardens thick with plantings of almond and fig trees, mulberry trees, laurel, cypress, pomegranate and palm trees.



View of Montreux, overlooking the bay.

add to the colour and charm of the area. It really is a garden town that climbs in amphitheatre fashion, from the lakeside to the mountain slopes that are heavily wooded and thick with vineyards.

Buildings of antiquity or of modern design—Montreux just does not have. In fact, the most prominent and admired buildings are the fine hotels—great modern de luxe establishments, the famous Swiss hotels at their most famous. Then there is the Kursaal with its lovely winter garden and pleasure grounds.

### Parish Church

Of the few important ancient structures, there is the parish church built in 1509, and near by a chapel, once a cemetery chapel—a gem of a place. Both are situated on a beautiful terrace with delightful views of the lovely town and exquisite countryside. A museum of old Montreux is housed in a former Salomon manor house that is also a beautiful building.

Right in the centre of town is the alkaline spring group that makes the town, apart from its wonderful climate, an important health resort.

(Tomorrow—Science At Work)

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

WE HAVE just received through the post. It appears to come from a gentleman with a strong sense of urgency and a one-track mind: "Sir," he says, spluttering nervously with his pen, "We are shortly publishing a further edition of 'Radio Who's Who.' In order to make this reference book comprehensive, we would be most grateful if you would fill up and return the enclosed questionnaire at once."

The questionnaire started with a warning: "DO NOT" it said, "GIVE ANY INFORMATION WHICH YOU DO NOT WISH US TO HAVE." So we didn't tell about where we'd buried that old, disused television announcer.

The first question gave us the question: "Type of Radio Work?" It asked, and then, in brackets, (i.e., soprano, character actor, or cellist). We took a chance, and said "Soprano," and have been talking like this ever since.

The rest were easy: "First Connection with Radio?" As a matter of fact our first connection with radio was by being connected to a frightening machine by things called headphones.

Recent Programme? We're afraid it was all a long time ago, but it's rather sweet with a little pink pencil tied to it and a picture of Cupid shooting at something off-stage on the cover. We dug it up from our bottom drawer—where it was pressed between a pair of lavender-scented Oxford bags—and doodled over it for hours.

Stop! We've just looked at the envelope the thing came in. It is addressed to someone called Harpavice. A pity, we were looking forward to filling in "Brief Life Story."

Here, steady on!

THERE seems to have been some financial trouble with the Empire Games, and we must say we sympathize. Even some of the games we get up to cost far more than our bank manager can afford. But there, as Nero once said: "You can't make these Roman holidays pay when the lions eat up all the prophets."

(London Express Service)

## Devaluation Hits Shipping

London, Feb. 27.—Devaluation of Sterling had had an instant effect on shipping, which was peculiarly sensitive to exchange movements, the Chamber of Shipping report said today.

The full effects were "so far-reaching that it is impossible to isolate them. It will only be possible to assess them by examining the trade trends of the world as they become known."—Reuter.

## Japanese Cycle Campaign

Tokyo, Feb. 25.—Japanese bicycle manufacturers are planning to send more than twenty sales canvassers to countries in the Far East and South and Central America this year.

The Association of Bicycle Manufacturers notified firms wishing to send out representatives to file applications by March 15.

The Association has set aside 200,000,000 Yen (half a million dollars) for overseas sales promotion, including the financing of thirty to sixty-day trips overseas for promotion men.

Among the target countries for the intensified sales campaign are India, Pakistan, Siam, Burma, Indonesia, Malaya, Korea and countries in Central and South America.—United Press.

## British Prices

London, Feb. 25.—The Economist's fortnightly index of wholesale commodity prices closed on February 21 at 181.2, an increase of 0.4 percent over the pre-devaluation figure of 180.6. The textile index was chiefly responsible for the steady increase. It has risen 24.7 percent since the currency devaluations.—United Press.

## Cotton Exports

New York, Feb. 25.—Raw cotton exports as reported by the New York Cotton Exchange, for the 1949-50 season to February 23 were as follows: Great Britain 400,410 bales; Continent 7,232,311; Orient 515,001; Canada 235,000.

Total including linters 2,892,002; Linters 105,000.

Total, excluding linters 2,787,002.

Same period last year, 2,336,007, excluding linters.—United Press.

# Inflation Threat Growing: Public Pressures

Washington, Feb. 26.—A World Monetary Fund report hinted that many countries faced further inflation.

Controls over consumer buying and foreign trade would not alone hold inflationary forces in check until they could be "wiped out or worked off," it said.

The report, prepared by the Fund's chief, Mr. E. M. Bernstein, a former United States Treasury official, said: "It should be possible four years after the war to bring the generation of additional inflation to a halt."

The immediate and urgent problem is to bring Government outlay and investment to a level appropriate to the available output, so that they will not add to the latent inflation," the report said.

The report declared that in many countries pressures were so strong that sudden dropping of controls would result in such a "considerable rise in prices that some Governments will feel that they simply cannot accept such a policy."

"But the prospect of wiping out or working off latent inflation in any moderate period of time is very slight."

UNPLEASANT PROSPECT.—"The continuance of controls on consumption for a minimum of five to 10 years and perhaps even longer, which may be necessary to work off latent inflation, is an unpleasant prospect for people to whom the free use of income has already been denied for a decade," the report added.

"It is not unlikely that at some stage public opinion will prefer at least partial activation of latent inflation to continued submission," it extended.

The Bernstein report was one of a group of studies in the first number of a new publication issued by the Fund under the title of "Staff Papers."—Reuter.

## New York Cotton Market

New York, Feb. 25.—New crop positions staged a further upswing in cotton futures during the week, to reach new seasonal high ground and the best level on the board since mid-July of last year.

At Friday's close, the list ruled four to 50 points higher, or 20 cents to \$2.50 per bale above the previous week.

Liquidation in the current March contract in the current issue of heavy delivery notices and weighed on nearby positions, but after a sharp decline, all the last ground was regained when the notices were taken by leading spot interests.

Strength in the new crop positions stemmed largely from warnings about the possibility of serious insect infestation next summer because of the exceptionally mild winter. Concern over the possible insect menace has probably increased because of the smaller crop this year as a result of the reduction in national acreage.

With the exception of nearby July, all deliveries for cotton futures moved into new seasonal high ground on Saturday.

Nearby July delivery closed three points lower, but the rest finished five to eight points higher, with nearby May delivery hitting the highest price on the board since July 13th, 1949, at 32.78 cents a pound.

After opening one to four points lower on pre-taken following Friday's sharp advance, the list worked higher on the scarcity of offerings.—United Press.

## Chicago Grain Prices

WHEAT—price per bushel, Feb. 25.

SPOT ..... 2.10-1/2  
March ..... 2.11-1/2  
May ..... 2.12-1/2  
July ..... 2.13-1/2  
September ..... 2.14-1/2  
December ..... 2.15-1/2

CORN ..... 1.25-1/2  
SPOT ..... 1.25-1/2  
March ..... 1.26-1/2  
May ..... 1.27-1/2  
July ..... 1.28-1/2  
September ..... 1.29-1/2  
December ..... 1.30-1/2

OATS ..... 1.10-1/2  
SPOT ..... 1.10-1/2  
March ..... 1.11-1/2  
May ..... 1.12-1/2  
July ..... 1.13-1/2  
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WINNIPEG MARKET

OATS ..... 83-1/2  
SPOT ..... 83-1/2  
March ..... 84-1/2  
May ..... 85-1/2  
July ..... 86-1/2  
September ..... 87-1/2  
December ..... 88-1/2

## Ship Building Achievement

London, Feb. 26.—The British Chamber of Shipping reported tonight that the United Kingdom merchant fleet has been restored to its prewar tonnage.

Without giving detailed figures, the report said that about half of the merchant fleet afloat in 1939 was lost through enemy action during the war. It said that the fleet's restoration within 4 1/2 years of the war's end was a remarkable achievement by the ship building industry.

"In 1945 the net gap in the United Kingdom's tonnage which had to be made good was more than three and a half million gross tons," a statement by the Chamber said. The report will be submitted to the Chamber's annual meeting on Thursday.

While tonnage destroyed by enemy bombers, submarines and war vessels has been recovered, there are many old ships in the merchant fleet today, the report said.

"More than one-quarter of the foreign liner tonnage and one-fifth of the foreign going tramp tonnage is now more than 20 years old," the Chamber said. "While it is true that 20 years is not necessarily the span of a ship's useful life, it is clear that a substantial amount of this older tonnage has reached a stage where replacement is becoming a matter of urgency."

The Chamber complained that discrimination and currency restrictions are great difficulties confronting shippers.

"Here and more the tendency of countries has been to claim a portion of their imports and their exports for their national vessels and to exclude the free competition of other flags," it said.

"Such nationalistic aspirations by relatively small maritime countries have been greatly encouraged by the United States shipping policy."

Coastal vessels in British waters are meeting competition from British state-owned ships. Maritime and transport. Agreements on rates being worked out with the Transport Commission was said to be vital to coastal shipping lines.—Associated Press.

## OUTWARD MAILS

Unregistered Letters only for Canada, Swaziland, Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai, Tientsin and North China. These are accepted at sender's risk and will be forwarded as opportunity offers. Unless Articles and Parcel Postage close one hour earlier than the letters, it must close before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office one hour earlier than the G.P.O. (G.P.O.) 2 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Closing Times By Air

Hankow, 4 p.m.  
Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Dacca, Cairo (Nairobi, Bombay, Dar-es-Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Cairo), Hong Kong and London (Kowloon C.P.O.) 3.30 p.m. (reg), 4 p.m. (ord). (G.P.O.) 2 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Canada via Vancouver B.C. 3 p.m.  
Bangkok, 3 p.m.  
Hankow, 3 p.m.  
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Closing Times By Air

Straits, 11 a.m.  
Aden, Egypt and Mauritius, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Closing Times By Air

Hankow, 11 a.m.  
Hankow, 4 p.m.

# BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## Birds Use Wings to Fly

—But Knarf Thought His Arms Would Do—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turn-of-about name, was saying to his sister Hanid: "Now I don't see why I can't fly like a bird."

"But a bird has wings," said Hanid. "Have you got wings?"

Knarf didn't have to look. "No, I haven't got wings. But I've got arms. And if I can flap my arms fast enough, I'll fly."

"Oh, no, you won't."

"All I've got to do is flap them fast enough. They'll fly like the air like a bird."

Knarf was so certain that he could fly by simply flapping his arms fast enough that Hanid finally said: "If you're so sure that you can fly, why don't you try it?"

Knarf picked himself up. "I didn't flap my arms fast enough," he grumbled. "I'm going to try it again."

"But Knarf—"

Knarf paid no attention to his sister. He slowly climbed up to the top rail of the fence and started flapping his arms again, even faster than before.

Now all this suddenly struck Hanid as so funny that she burst out laughing, which only made Knarf scowl all the more. And at this moment an old crow, who was accustomed to resting on the other end of the fence, mottled her to come over. "Is your brother trying to fly?" the crow asked.

## Rupert and the Caravan—10

"I will," said Knarf. Then he looked around for some place to fly from. Hanid made him go outside. She didn't want him to go flying out of the window. "You'd better try the low place first," she said. "If you can really fly, you won't have any trouble going up as high as you please."

Knarf decided to stand on the end of the fence at the end of the garden. It wasn't very high and the ground was covered with thick grass.

So Knarf climbed up to the top rail of the fence while Hanid stood below to watch. He wanted to catch him when he fell.

"Here I go!" cried Knarf. Then he flapped his arms as fast as he could, and jumped. Just as Hanid expected, he landed in a heap on the grass.

"There, I told you so," said Knarf.

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## Examining the Records

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## Repeated Air Raids On Namoa Island

Taipei, Feb. 26.—Namoa Island, off Swatow, has been added to the Nationalist Air Force's raid list. War planes were sent repeatedly to bomb the island as soon as Communist invaders occupied it early on Saturday morning.

The planes plastered Swatow airfield and wharves, destroying one 300-ton landing craft and several godowns. Bombers from Hainan continued their attacks on Luchow Peninsula, Southern Kwantung and the Canton-Kowloon Railway today while those from Tientsin struck the Lungshan area in Shanghai, Foochow and other coastal areas.

An Air Force report said a total of 50,000 pounds of bombs was used in the week ended February 22, and as a result 400 Chinese Communists were killed, five steamers, 14 automobiles and 150 junkies were wrecked, three bridges were demolished and a great quantity of gasoline was burned.

In Taiwan, however, the populace was warned to prepare for possible revenue raids by the Communists. Air raid precaution units were mobilized tonight for a mock air attack. The city was completely dimmed out for 15 minutes. More practices will be carried out on Monday and Tuesday.

United Press.

## APPEAL BY ISRAEL FOR ARMS

Washington, Feb. 26.—Israel has appealed to the United States and Britain for arms and military equipment for her army and air force, diplomatic officials here disclosed today.

The Israeli ambassadors here and in London were stated to have presented a detailed request to the State Department and the Foreign Office.

Senior State Department officials said a formal American reply to Israel's request had been drafted after consultation with Britain.

Officials indicated that before sending any American arms to Israel the State Department would ask for full details of the equipment of Israel's armed forces, with assurances that they would be used only for self-defence.

Israeli officials have declined to give the United States or Britain such detailed information, the official added.

Most of the Israeli armed forces' present supplies were bought in Czechoslovakia and other countries during the war in Palestine.

Diplomatic officials said that Israel had given no indication as to how it would pay for any American arms received.

The Export-Import Bank granted her a \$100,000,000 loan last year, but this was allocated for development and recovery projects.—Reuter.

## Chinese Soldier Internees

Paris, Feb. 26.—Eleven hundred Chinese Nationalist soldiers, interned in Indo-China, passed through Hanoi today on the way to Haiphong, the French press agency reported.

They came from a temporary internment camp at Tong, northwest of Hanoi, and were to be shipped to a camp at Can Ranh, in Southern Annam.—Reuter.

## Death Of Vatican Official

London, Feb. 26.—Father Alberto Gambini, administrator of the Vatican's semi-official newspaper, *Osservatore Romano*, died last night, Vatican Radio announced. He was a member of the Society of St. Francis de Sales, Catholic priests who specialize in education.—Reuter.

## Worcester Under Water



A general view of the scene as floodwaters cover the Hyllon Road district of Worcester. The level of the Severn had risen up to 12 ft. 8 ins. in mid-February, and was expected to rise still further. Families were standing by to leave flooded areas.

## RECOGNITION OF PEKING BY U.S. MADE REMOTE BY HARDENED CONGRESS

Washington, Feb. 26.—Chinese Communist acts directed against United States citizens and property in China have hardened Congressional opinion here against any early recognition of the Chinese Communist regime. Some Congressmen, who had been predicting privately that the United States would follow Britain's lead and extend recognition within a few months, now say that it will be delayed indefinitely.

Political observers on Capitol Hill were convinced that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the veteran Democratic foreign policy spokesman in Congress, Senator Tom Connally, were preparing the way for eventual United States recognition of the Chinese regime.

Then the Chinese Communists, rejecting strong American protests, seized United States property in Peking and imprisoned the American Consul-General, Mr. Angus Ward, on charges of assault.

After that, any possibility of United States recognition in the near future vanished in the resulting Congressional uproar and the decision of the State Department to withdraw its remaining consular officials from Communist-held China.

Just prior to the Peking incident, Senator Connally, who is Chairman of the Senate's powerful Foreign Relations Committee, is regarded as usually reflecting State Department opinion, had indicated in Senate speeches and in press statements that the United States would eventually recognize Communist China—on conditions.

### RIGHTS AND PROPERTY

These conditions were that the Communist regime would have to respect international law and the rights and property of American citizens and interests in China.

Bitter by Republican opponents of recognition, Senator Connally asked in the United States not to recognize the Chinese regime "when other nations had already done so."

This appeared to Republicans to indicate that the State Department was considering recognition, and the general trend of speculation was not if recognition would be granted, but when.

Some of the more outspoken Republican critics of the Administration's Far Eastern policy declared that the State Department was "negotiating" for recognition.

Suggestions were also made privately by some Congressmen that United States business interests were exerting pressure for "early recognition of the Chinese Communists."

These business interests, including some Chambers of Commerce, were reported to be anxious to reopen trade with China before British firms had taken over the Chinese markets.

Some political observers say in the Chinese Communists' attitude towards the United States an indication that the Communist regime did not want United States recognition.

Although the question of recognition appears now to have been shelved, the Republicans are declaring that the Democratic policy concerning China has been one of appeasement of the Communists and betrayal of the Nationalists.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, President Truman's recent declaration that the United States would not intervene militarily to save the island of Formosa, last stronghold of the Chinese Nationalists, brought forth bitter Republican criticism.

These Republicans are claiming that the President was capitulating to Communist blackmail.

### POLICY BLUNDER

One of the charges levelled by the Republicans was that the Administration was blundering in its Far Eastern policy because the President had abandoned the bi-partisan co-operation policy in Asian affairs while expecting the Republicans to co-operate in European foreign policy.

Democratic spokesmen conceded that there should have been more consultation with Republican leaders, particularly with Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, the Republican foreign policy spokesman, before the announcement of the "hands off" policy regarding Formosa.

Such consultation might have reduced the vigour of Congressional criticism.

Although lashing the failure of the Truman Administration to halt the expansion of Communism in China and the Asiatic territories, the Republicans themselves were divided on what should be done.

### THREE-WAY SPLIT

There is a three-way split over what methods should be used to save the island of Formosa from falling to the Communists.

The Republican policy leader, Senator Robert Taft of Ohio, declared that the United States should demand that the Communists tell the United States what an invasion of Formosa would not be permitted and also that, if necessary, the United States Navy would be used to block any attempt at a seaborne invasion.

Another section of the Republicans, led by Senator William Knowland of California, and Senator Alexander Smith of New Jersey, is demanding that arms and money be sent to the Nationalists in Formosa. But it is opposed to military intervention.

A third section, represented by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, is prepared to wait until the dust settles before taking a definite stand on the issue.

### TACTICAL BLUNDER

The demands for military intervention witted under a blistering Democratic attack in the Senate. Senator Connally challenged the advocates of such intervention to say whether they "wanted to send bright-faced American boys to die in the Formosan jungles."

Democratic spokesmen were quick to stress that some "isolationist" Republicans, particularly Senator Taft, who were an-

posed to any United States intervention in the World War prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, now favour intervention in China.

The Republicans countered this with statements that Democrats who were interventionists in the European war are now isolationists in the China situation.

Neutral observers thought that the Republicans supporting Senator Taft's demands had made a tactical blunder in calling for United States armed intervention in the Formosan situation. The demands did not meet with a great deal of public support.

### ELECTION ISSUE

The Truman Administration's handling of Asia foreign policy, and, in particular, the events leading up to the Communist conquest of China, are likely to be lively issues in the November election campaigns.

These elections will fill all the seats in the House of Representatives and one-third of the seats in the Senate.

The line of Republican attack in Congress indicates that they will argue that China could have been saved by a firm United States policy and by a more vigorous Department of the advice of "pro-Communist" officials to appease the Chinese Communists.

The Democratic Party reply to that is that the United States poured money and arms into Nationalist hands, but that the Nationalists lost China because they had not the will to fight.

The Democrats have already declared that the Republican demands for armed intervention in Formosa will result in another World War.—Reuter.

## Strike Threats Face France

Paris, Feb. 26.—France today faced a week of strike ballots. The wages strike of Paris region metal workers threatened to spread to other industries and other parts of the country.

The metal workers are due to vote for or against strike action tomorrow in Marseilles, Lyons, where the Union has already decided to come out for an indefinite period, Montbéliard and Elfort.

In the Paris region, where armed Republican security guards are occupying the strike-bound Ford and Renault motor works, the Communist Sunday newspaper, *Le Soir*, estimated that 150,000 metal workers were out in 200 factories.

Voting on a proposed total stoppage in the nationalized gas and electricity industries and the Paris Metro (underground) and bus services will also take place tomorrow.

The Communist-led Paris underground union said that 90 percent of its members in maintenance shops had already voted to strike, but the operating staffs do not begin voting until tomorrow, and the ballot is not expected to be complete before Tuesday.

### PROVISIONAL BONUS

Employees of the National theatres (which include the Comedie Francaise and the Paris Opera House) expect the Ministry of Education to pay a provisional bonus during the week.

## UNITED FRONT IN BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY FORECAST

London, Feb. 26.—Qualified officials forecast today a Labour-Conservative "working agreement" to keep British foreign policy intact. Broad bipartisanship in foreign affairs has existed between the Labour Government and the Conservative Opposition since 1945. Officials of both parties said they expected this to go on.

Government officials asserted privately that the political stalemate following the election will not change the basis of British foreign policy, a policy which rests on the three "unities" of Commonwealth, non-Communist Europe, and Atlantic community.

They did express the view, however, that having a slender Parliamentary majority but no popular mandate, the Labour Government is unlikely to commit Britain to new long-term international obligations and also probably put off some less pressing items.

These, it was suggested, could include negotiation of a revised Anglo-Egyptian treaty of friendship and defence, because the Conservatives have opposed the Labour Government's policy towards Egypt, especially its postwar promise to quit that country.

Labour-Conservative co-operation in foreign affairs is threatened mainly by these diplomatic situations in which British economic policy is involved.

### STERLING DEBTS

The Conservatives, for instance, do not like Labour's programme of paying back the wartime Sterling debts which countries such as India, Egypt and Pakistan have up, but the Labour Government thinks it has a moral and sound political obligation to do so, if only to help those countries keep off Communism.

The Conservatives have also often criticised the Labour Government's dependence on American aid and its relations generally with the U.S.

The present Labour Government might court further attacks unless it clears up a number of issues which are now clogging Anglo-American relations.

Ruling Britain with a skinny majority in the House of Commons will be a delicate job of tight-rope walking.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee, who is going to try it, must be hoping ardently that the Socialist M.P.s catch no colds, figure in no car accidents and do not take to the Parliament around town because every vote may be needed at any moment and the Member has to be present in person to deliver it. The Government Whip—Party functionaries who must round up the votes—is in a desperate straits.

### NO YARDSTICK

If they fail to muster a full enough attendance, the Government might fall. Under the British system, the regime customarily resigns almost at once when it is defeated in the House of Commons on any major issue.

There is no set yardstick for determining which issues are major ones and which are trifles to be disregarded. In case of doubt, it is up to the Prime Minister to decide.

A Government with a small majority is constantly subject to opposition harassing.

Most political observers believe that under the British system a majority of less than 20 amounts to a stalemate. A majority of 30 to 40 is regarded as workable. The tiny Liberal Party representation of eight in a strategic position, but most observers regarded it as too small to wield a balance of power influence.

Opinion in other quarters, however, is that the Liberals may well play an important role on some future closely contested issues. It could well tip the scales in a particularly tight contest in the House.—Associated Press.

## Danger Of Bloodshed In Berlin

Berlin, Feb. 26.—Allied protective measures against the forthcoming Communist "march on Berlin" will be decided on the highest government level, U.S. sources disclosed today.

Admitting the danger of bloodshed if 500,000 German Communist youth carry out threats to "occupy" West Berlin between May 27 and 30, the three Allied Commandants are currently drafting their recommendations.

But the final orders for 10,000 West Berlin police and 7,500 Allied combat troops to be stationed in Berlin will be issued by Washington, London and Paris, it was learned.

Communist spokesmen of the "Free German Youth" (FDJ) are insisting they will defy even U.S. tanks in carrying out their "peace" demonstration in all Berlin.

General Volkopolski (People's Police), it is reported, are ready to be brought from the Soviet zone in May to reinforce the 12,000 Communist police in East Berlin.

Severe military action by the Volkopolski have been designated to act as plainclothes bodyguards for the youth parade into the Allied sector during the Whitlun rally.

Communist newspapers have printed veiled threats that the plainclothes will fight their way through West Berlin streets if necessary.—Associated Press.

### INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

Suppose that m men played for Doomsday, and n men played for Gloomsday. Then we have:  
 $m + n = 51$   
 $5m - 3n = 25$   
 Now, m must be more than 50; m must be greater than n; and m must be divisible by 5. Having tried to these conditions, there is only one solution of the above equation:  
 $m = 25, n = 26$   
 So 25 men played for Doomsday and 26 men played for Gloomsday.  
 London Express Service.

### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers  
 1. An unspooned radio programme paid for by the station of the network that broadcasts it.  
 2. A hot drink of rum and water with eggs beaten up.  
 3. A unit of weight for gold and silver about 100 gr. Troy.  
 4. By the distillation of the wood of the camphor tree native to China, Japan and Formosa.  
 5. Victory, rejoicing, immortality.  
 6. John Milton.

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